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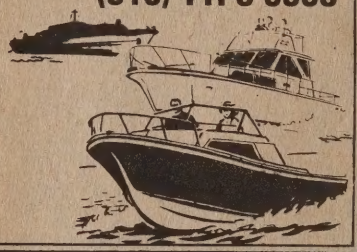

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EDITORIAL

SURF FISHING PERMITS – MORE

As we promised, we'll be keeping you up-to-date on discussions taking place between the Surf Fishing Advisory Council and the Long Island State Parks and Recreation Commission. This fall, our meetings have concerned mostly the permit system currently in use and how we can change it in order to improve the fishing environment, promote safer fishing conditions, and assist the Long Island State Parks and Recreation Commission to achieve better law enforcement.

You will recall from the last editorial that there was considerable concern about the use of the beaches by unauthorized individuals. Since the meetings on this topic began in late summer, many proposals have been put on the table and the representatives on the Council have gone back to their constituents in order to get some feedback on the proposals.

The result of the September meeting were three proposals: (1) A cutoff date for the issuance of all permits of May 31; (2) The moratorium on beach use between January 1 and March 31; (3) Prohibition of four-wheel drive vehicles on Democrat Point during daylight hours between June 1 and Labor Day.

All the members of the Council wish to express their thanks for the strong support you gave us and the abundant feedback that helped us in our task at the October 4, 1980 meeting. I especially wish to thank our readers who were generous in their responses. The responses we received were intelligent, mature, and reasonable. Few people objected to either items number one or two, but most fishermen expressed serious concerns about the wisdom of item number three. Many of the reasons were personal, as you'd expect, but we were surprised at the number of fishermen who responded who do not own four-wheel drive vehicles and objected to the daytime prohibition for reasons that we think make a lot of sense. One such contributor stated that family use of a semi-isolated beach like Democrat represented a unique outdoor educational experience for families. We agree! Another contributor thought that four-wheel drive access, now dwindling, should be maintained at all existing areas in order to help preserve an important way of life. Again we agree!

The extremely helpful nature of the responses certainly was a great support to me and I thank you. Those responses were also instrumental in shaping the final plan. Many readers didn't simply object to one of the proposals, but instead offered counter-proposals, and it was these new ideas that became the nucleus of our discussion and helped all of us to frame the final plan. That plan is as follows:

1. All permits may be obtained during the period January 1, 1981 and May 31, 1981.
2. The Commission reserves the right to issue a seven-day permit to surf fishermen who missed the May 31, 1981 cutoff for legitimate reasons.
3. During the period January 1, 1981 and March 31, 1981, no vehicles will be permitted on **the beaches** at Jones Beach Gilgo, and Robert Moses.
4. For the periods April 1, 1981 to May 22, 1981 and September 14, 1981 to December 31, 1981, the rules and regulations in effect during 1980 will apply.
5. During the period May 23, 1981 to September 13, 1981, a barricade system, to verify permits, will be in effect 24-hours per day at the Democrat Beach entrance check point. The barricade system at the entrance to Robert Moses State Park will continue in 1981 under current conditions; that is, during evening hours.
6. For 1981, permits will be issued as bumper stickers. Both night fishing permits and four-wheel drive permits.

What do these changes means for Long Island surf fishermen? Well, I guess we have to play analyst just like they do on television after the President makes a speech, simply because the rules do not explain the implications inherent within them.

First, these procedures mean that four-wheel drive vehicles, with

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For the first time in several years, there has been a fair showing of school bass on both shores of the Island. Many of them are "shorts" (under sixteen inches) and should be released quickly and gently. Photo by George W. Linnane.

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Most anglers go fishing in order to avoid the pressures of everyday life, but there's really no way to ignore the consequences of our failure to get involved in the political arena. There are over 60,000,000 sport fishermen (and women) in the United States, and about 20,000,000 do at least some fishing in the briny. Yet, despite these numbers, anglers carry very little weight with the legislators because they aren't effectively organized. Organizations such as the American

NATIONAL SCENE

with Al Ristori

THE ELECTION

League of Anglers and National Coalition for Marine Conservation have tried to do the job on the national level, but have been impeded by a lack of financial support. The American Sportfishing Federation is trying to overcome that problem by encouraging contributions to a state and national lobbying effort with a coupon book full of rebates on popular fishing tackle.

While these lobbying organizations are vital to the continuance of fine sport fisheries, it's also important that every angler consider the effect of his vote (or lack of vote) on the future of the sport. Of course, there are many vital issues involved in any campaign, and decisions are rarely made on the basis of a single issue. However, if you're as interested in preserving the sport fisheries for the future as I am, I hope you'll take the positions of the candidates on fisheries issues into account when making your most vital decision as a citizen. Even a botched-up fisheries policy may leave us with years of good fishing, but the outlook for our children could be very bleak indeed!

The presidential race is a toss-up this year, and could turn on a relatively few votes in key states. When Jimmy Carter and Walter Mondale came to office I had great hopes for the preservation of our sport fisheries. After all, both enjoy fishing—and the battle for the 200-Mile Limit had just been won. Unfortunately, the Carter Administration has thoroughly botched up the fisheries opportunities handed to it on a silver platter. Professionals at the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) were replaced by political appointees who didn't seem to know a flounder from a cobia—and who haven't grown in office. Sport fishing has taken a back seat at NMFS and mismanagement of the commercial fisheries has resulted in the widening of our fisheries trade deficit at the very time that tremendous opportunities have been presented to American fishermen.

Perhaps the most serious indictment of the Carter Administration has been the "extra-legal" treatment accorded to the fishery management councils. Despite the clear Congressional intent that the councils should create the management plans, NMFS has used and abused the powers reserved to the Secretary of Commerce in order to undercut the authority of the councils and turn them into little more than expensive advisory boards. Time and again, NMFS has sat on council management plans beyond the sixty-day limit imposed by the law—forcing the councils to eventually produce a management plan exactly the same as NMFS would have written themselves, and showing the councils "who the boss is!"

If you think that my observation of this situation is incorrect (despite my three years of service on the Mid-Atlantic Council), then check out these remarks in a letter from Dick Stroud, nationally-respected fisheries biologist and Executive Vice President of the Sport Fishing Institute: "It has been apparent to me from the outset that NMFS has been striving all along to, (1) keep the regional fishery management councils within the advisory committee corral (despite any legal authority to do so in the Act), and (2) keep marine recreational fisheries interests as a weak minority influence with respect to fishery management plan development and yield allocation. As you know, I've charged that many times. I am aware that most people consider that view to be paranoid and so extreme as to transcend reality. I appreciate that it is difficult for the average citizen to believe that a Federal agency would employ the extra-legal tactics that their policies reflect. It requires personal involvement to begin to realize how dangerous our big government is to our democracy."

If the Carter Administration cares about what is going on in NMFS, they haven't shown any signs of doing anything about it. Indeed, a letter I wrote to the President in the spring (asking questions, as a journalist, about fisheries policies) has never been acknowledged—much less answered. What with incredible inflation, high interest rates, joblessness, hostages being held in Iran for almost a year, and many other vital issues to be dealt with, it's not surprising that our fisheries policies have been allowed to drift without the attention of the President. However, any President is responsible for his appointees, and Carter's have been a sad lot!

I can't assure anyone that Ronald Reagan will do a better job in fisheries than Jimmy Carter has, but I'm quite confident that he can't screw things up any worse! A real housecleaning is called for at NOAA and NMFS, and we'll only get that with a new administration. Certainly, John Anderson is no solution. As previously reported, Anderson was one of the "last ditch" opponents of the 200-Mile Limit. There are many factors to be considered in selecting a president, but from the fisheries point of view this reporter sees Ronald Reagan as the clear choice.

Four years ago, the Emergency Committee to Save America's Marine Resources honored four area Congressmen for their efforts in behalf of the 200-Mile Limit. All four were members of the House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee and deserve your support. Ed Forsythe (R-NJ) is the ranking Republican on the Fisheries Subcommittee of the full Committee and has done a great deal for the sport fisheries. Norman Lent (R-NY) has long carried the ball for Long Island fishermen after introducing the first 200-Mile Limit bill to gain co-sponsors. Lent was the first Congressman the Emergency Committee went to for support and he has been a dependable ally ever since. Mario Biaggi (D-NY) is now chairman of the Subcommittee that handles the Coast Guard and boating, and has done a fine job in those areas. Only Matt Rinaldo (R-NJ) has left the Committee, but he's still a good friend of the sport fishermen.

Two years ago, Bill Carney (R-C-NY) won the seat representing the east end of Long Island and, at The Fisherman's urging, gained membership on the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee. He's become a loyal ally on that Committee and deserves re-election. Congressmen not on that Committee may be friendly to our positions, but it's only those on the Committee who can get the job done! Other candidates who have served well on the Committee include Bill Hughes (D-NJ) and Leo Zefferetti (D-NY). The chairman of the full Committee is Staten Island's John Murphy, presently embroiled in the ABSCAM scandal. He voted for the 200-Mile Limit, but has also let outside interests override those of his constituents in other issues—such as the inclusion of bluefin tuna in the 200-Mile law.

The New York Senate race provides two candidates with negative records on fisheries issues. Democrat Elizabeth Holtzman voted against the 200-Mile Limit, and Jacob Javits ignored the interests of his constituents to fight that conservation measure to the end—making him only one of twelve in the Senate to do so. On the other hand, Republican Alphonse D'Amato has shown an interest in the fisheries of the Town of Hempstead and appears to be the best choice from this point of view. Voters in Connecticut have more of a selection as both former New York Senator Jim Buckley (R) and

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FALL BLACKFISHING

BY FRED GUARDINEER

THE BLACKFISH OR TAUTOG COMES INSHORE SEPT. - NOV. ON REEFS, WRECKS AND ROCKY BOTTOMS AND FEEDS STANDING ON HIS HEAD. BEST BAITSTORE BAITS ARE FIDDLER AND GREEN CRABS. BERGALLS WILL GET THE SOFT BAITS SUCH AS WORMS AND CLAMS. BLACKS CAN ALSO BE CHUMMED WITH GRASS SHRIMP.

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HOOKING CRAB BAIT

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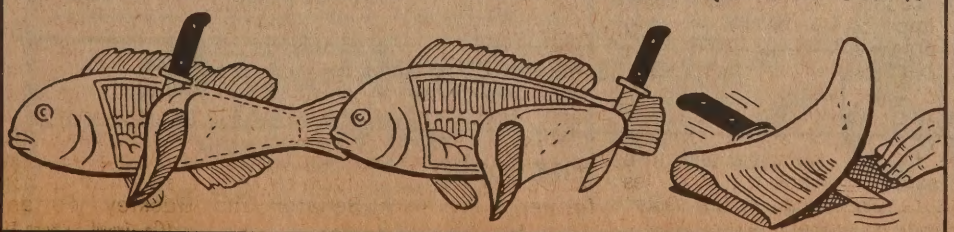
BRING EXTRA HOOKS & SINKERS TO REPLACE LOST RIGS. SAVE ANCHORS BY SUBSTITUTING EXPENDABLE CINDER BLOCKS TIED TO CLOTHESLINE.

SAVE SMALL BLACKS AND KEEP ALIVE. THEY ARE EXCELLENT BAIT FOR LIVE-LINING BASS AND WEAKS IN DEEP HOLES AT SLACK TIDE. TIE TREBLE HOOK DIPECTLY TO LINE.

6-0 TREBLE HOOK

NO HARDWARE TWO-HOOK BLACKFISH RIG USING END LOOP FOR SINKER AND DROPPER LOOP FOR HOOKS. TIE HOOKS WITH DOUBLE OVER-HAND.

TO FILLET SLIDE KNIFE ALONG BACKBONE FROM HEAD TO TAIL AND CUT THE SIDES RIGHT OFF. TO SKIN FILLET PLACE IT SKIN SIDE DOWN AND HOLD TAIL PORTION FIRMLY. SLIDE KNIFE BETWEEN FLESH AND SKIN AND CUT WITH SAWING MOTION. THE MEAT ROLLS OFF SKIN QUITE EASILY.



CUT AWAY RIB BONE SECTION AND YOU HAVE A BONELESS TASTY FILLET.

FOLLOW-UP FROM HENRY COHEN. The readers of this column will perhaps recall an issue this summer in which we published a letter from Henry Cohen whose physical handicaps interfered with his fishing enjoyment. We made a few minor suggestions, but others who read the column offered help. "I would like to thank you for bringing my problem about fishing to the attention of other fishermen and for your encouragement to me to continue to find a way to again enjoy fishing.

FISH TALK
with William A. Muller

PLEASANT COMMUNICATION

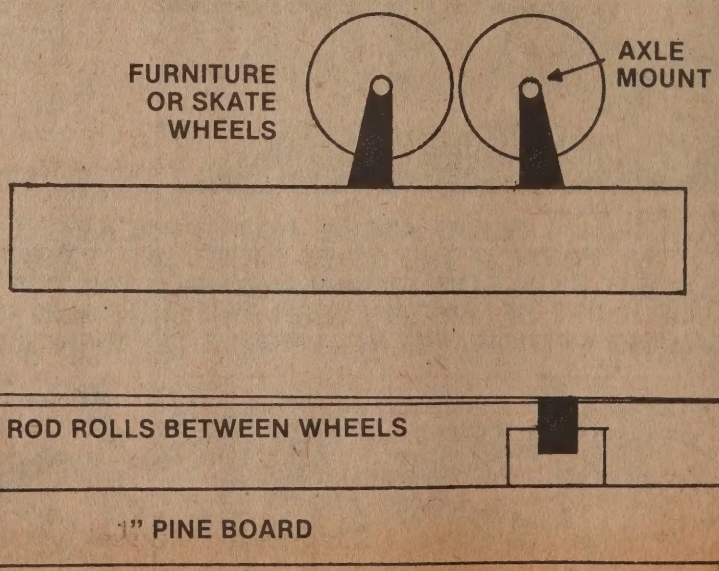
Since I last wrote you, I contacted a friend who is a physiatrist (a physician specializing in rehabilitation), who put me in contact with a correctional therapist who also happens to be a devoted fisherman. He devised a harness that fits my left arm and incorporates the butt of a two-piece boat rod to which I can attach a number of tips for various types of bottom fishing. The harness is fashioned around my shoulder with a strap which allows me to use my torso to apply pressure on the rod in fighting a fish while I reel in line with my right hand. Your article was also seen by a fishing friend who, with the help of another friend, developed a rod holder incorporated into a seat that can be used for both spinning and a boat rod. I haven't had a chance to try out any of these aids as yet, because my problem at present is getting on a boat. I have also had some friends research how these problems are overcome in Great Britain where there are societies for disabled anglers as well as for other recreational activities. It seems that they resort to the use of a gantry to get disabled anglers in and out of boats. When I finally get around to fishing again, I will have some pictures taken to demonstrate the aids and show the fish that I was able to catch with the help of the aids."

FANTASTIC! We appreciate the kind words and we look forward to seeing those photos soon. However, we took Henry's idea one step further and wrote to him asking if he would consider writing an article for 1981 about his experiences. We think that there are many anglers out there with similar problems who would benefit from the experiences that Henry has had. We also think that Henry's successes are an inspiration to all of us, but especially other disabled fishermen. In addition, we'd like to extend a request for a helping hand from the industry with respect to Henry's current problem.

ATTENTION PARTY BOAT AND CHARTER BOAT CAPTAINS! We think that you could corner a new and as yet unexplored market by making several minor and inexpensive modifications to your boat. Can you imagine all the handicapped and disabled fishermen out there who don't fish—not because of their disabilities, but because they can't get on and off a boat? If a captain would make a modification, he would be doing a great service to those in his community, and at the same time, increase his profits. Perhaps a manufacturer could begin production of a harness or other aids for disabled fishermen. Again, a vast and undeveloped market. We have several ideas on how access to boats might be accomplished. First, the gunwale could be cut away so that a wheel chair could ride directly over the small gap between the dock and the boat's cockpit floor. If the door were cut precisely and fitted with either an overlapping wood surface or a rubber gasket, the door would be waterproof when closed. Another approach would be to construct a ramp over the gunwale, and this may be more acceptable where there is no floating dock or minor tide. In any event—and we suppose that there are many and better ideas out there—we will devote a column to any party or charter boat that decides to make changes to readily accommodate disabled fishermen so that the word will get out to all interested individuals who would like to use the services of the boat for fishing.

FORMER UGLY STIK WINNER. Michael Shalkowski was a monthly winner of an Ugly Stik and he was nice enough to sit down and write a follow-up letter. In that letter he expressed some of his feelings about The Long Island Fisherman. Now, we don't like to blow our own horn, but the kind words from members of our family sure gives us the encouragement to hang in there to keep fighting for better recreational fishing. Mike writes: "Many thanks for the Ugly Stik. It will be put to very good use. It is certainly a piece of equipment to be proud of. When I wrote to you, we were in the midst of the winter doldrums. At that time The Fisherman was covering everything from trailers to building rods. I'm afraid my letter came across as being dissatisfied. It wasn't meant to be at all. In fact, The Fisherman performs an important function for me and probably for many others. It provides me with a fishing escape when I can't possibly go. Sometimes I need that release the most in winter. I fully understand The Fisherman's role in education, not only as a teacher of techniques, but also to provide information on ecology. No question these things should be priorities. I

MANUAL ROD WINDING PLATFORM



remember as a kid on party boats that fishermen would throw their garbage overboard. The Fisherman provides awareness in this area, as well as 'how-to' angling. I particularly enjoy fishing accounts such as Nantucket wreck fishing, Matt Ahern, tile fishing, etc. For instance, those huge sea bass that appeared in one of Matt's article. I'd like to read about Virginia wreck fishing too."

NO NEED TO HEDGE YOUR WORDS. We aren't fishing for compliments and we don't shy off criticism. Anyone in the publishing game has to have tough skin. If a reader writes that he or she is dissatisfied about x, y, or z, we don't panic. We take the comments as constructive and try our best to make changes that will provide our readers with exactly what they need and want. We also don't assume that because a reader has a constructive criticism that that reader doesn't like us any more. We look upon ourselves and our readers as a giant family and sometimes the members of a family disagree. That's natural and normal. However, we can't always inaugurate a change because one or two readers ask for it, simply because several hundred may have expressed the opposite point of view and we have to go along with what most of you want. However, since we publish fifty magazines a year, we do have some flexibility to introduce a limited amount of specialized content for a minority of readers. Thus, what I'm saying is that we try hard to structure a balance of content so that we can give everybody at least a little of what they want. Your comments are typical of what many readers say about L.I.F. and as managing editor, I want to tell you that it is very gratifying to know that so many readers feel that we provide an important service.

WE'RE SERIOUS! We really mean it when we say that we want to hear from you! The only way that we will continue to provide you with what you need and want is if you tell us. That way we can bend and change as recreational fishing changes—and it does. And we want it both ways. When we make a mistake we count on you to set us straight, but we aren't going to crumble apart because we did make a mistake. Rather, we'll adjust and change and try our best not to fall into that same pot-hole again. Likewise, if we do something right, it's important to tell us that, too, so that we continue on the straight and narrow.

TAKE, FOR EXAMPLE: During the summer and fall we kept you informed about proposed changes that might be made in the structure of issuance and enforcement of beach and fishing access permits within the State Parks. We sit on the Advisory Board and we do not want to take a position that is unilateral and not supported by our readers. Therefore, each time proposals were made, we came back to you and asked for your input via an editorial. It was your responses that guided our voting at the appropriate time. Now, many of the proposals that we explained to you were not ideal and some were very different from what had been the common practice in the past. Some would have also interfered with the enjoyment of fishing by some of you. You wrote to us and told us exactly that. What was so satisfying to me was that those of you who wrote did so without rudeness and abrasiveness. You wrote with intelligence and without uncontrolled emotion. You were constructive and helpful. You did not blame L.I.F. for REPORTING proposals and there were no accusations about a possible unscrupulous role of L.I.F. in the discussions. Accusatory reader response—that is, non-constructive attacks on the reporting publication, is far too common in our business. Yet, the intelligent, mature, and considered responses of our readers once again demonstrated the close bond that exists between us in OUR FAMILY. Thanks to all of you, and we know that we can count on your most sincere help always!

GEORGE SGARRO: "As a subscriber to The Long Island Fisherman for many years, I wish to thank you and your staff for the many fine articles and good reading that I have enjoyed over the years. One of the articles that I read several years ago, had to do with a jig that was used for winding guides onto rods. It was a simple affair made of wood end plates and wood dowels and used rollers so that the rod could roll smoothly. I put away that issue until I could find the time to make this rod winding jig, but as usually happens, the issue got lost or thrown out. I would be forever grateful if you could help me locate an issue number or copy of the article. Thanks so much.

OLD LETTER. George, we have to apologize for not getting back to you sooner, but Murphy's Law operates in publishing just as well as it does for your L.I.F. collection and that's exactly why I have published your letter rather than write back to you. There are many reasons why we can't get to all letters immediately, but that doesn't mean that we don't care or that we won't answer you eventually. The great volume of mail received is one factor that mitigates against a fast reply and the weekly deadlines are "deadly"—you should excuse the pun! In any event, we think that we can help you with your requests. Over the years, we have published several articles about rod winding jigs. The one you refer to is a manual device, while we have also published how-to articles on mechanized devices. One such device used a slow turning motor like the kind that comes with rotisserie roasters. Unfortunately, we can't send you a copy of that article since we have no copies, but the issue number you want is 2/9/78, Volume 13, #6, and the story was on page 22. I've also included here a drawing of the device, which may make it easy for you to reproduce it.

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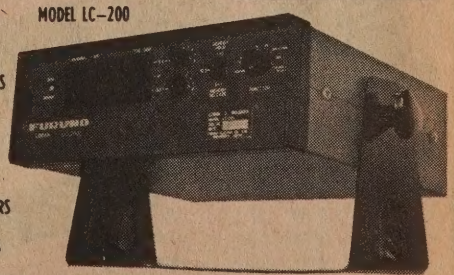

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CAPTAIN'S TABLE

with Eileen Regina

WHITING: TWO MORE FAVORITES

beneficial to your pocketbook. Springtime sees increased catches not only filling anglers bags, but glutting the market, which results in a drop in retail prices, due to the old law of supply and demand. If you can gauge most of your purchases to coincide with the current predominant species of fish, you will see that the cost could be almost half as much as it might be during any period in which that same fish is in short supply. Many times, out of season fish still appear on the market, but this is fish shipped in from out of state, thus the price is not only greater because of the short local supply, but also because of the shipping costs incurred to get that fish to our markets. Also, this fish could never be as fresh as any fish caught by our intrepid anglers in our own waters, say from a party boat fishing Ambrose Channel, simply because they are a couple of days old by the time they reach retail levels.

So, whether or not your man gets out and catches a fresh batch, or, like my roly-poly, is too old or too cold to brave early spring temperatures, and you must fish at your local market as I do, if you desire fresh whiting, now is the time to get some. And when you get them, here are a couple of ways to prepare 'em that should please almost everyone.

Whiting Parisienne

Ingredients (Serves Four):

4 large whiting fillets
1 tbsp. fresh lemon juice
1/4 cup flour
5 tbsps. butter
1 tsp. Dijon mustard
2-1/2 tbsps. capers, drained
1/2 cup dry white wine
1/4 cup heavy sweet cream
2 tsps. cornstarch
1 tbsp minced parsley
salt and pepper to taste

Season fillets with salt and pepper, sprinkle with lemon juice, dredge lightly in flour. Heat butter in a skillet; saute fish on both sides, turning very gently until evenly browned. Remove fish to a serving dish and keep warm. Add mustard, capers, and wine to skillet; mix well, bring to a boil, then let simmer for two or three minutes. Blend in cream and the cornstarch, dissolved in two tablespoons of water. Simmer for two or three minutes longer, correct seasoning to taste, then spoon contents of skillet over fish. Garnish with parsley sprigs and lemon wedges and serve. Sprinkle entire contents with minced parsley if desired.

Perfect complements would be parsleyed new potatoes, green peas, and a tossed green salad (topped off with French dressing to befit this Franco-oriented fish dish), crusty chunks of French bread, heated in an oven before serving, and a dry white French wine, such as Chinon Blanc, which theoretically should be served at room temperature, but is delicious when slightly chilled.

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Fisherman's Whiting

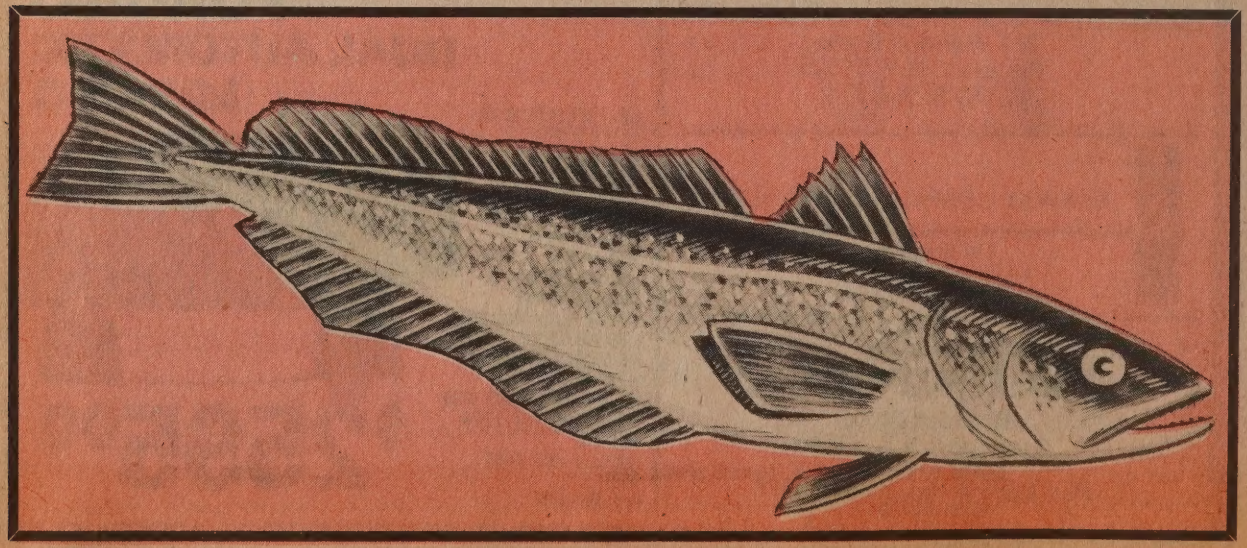
Ingredients (Serves Four):

4 large whiting fillets
4 tbsps butter
1-1/2 tbsps minced shallots
1-1/2 tbsps minced parsley
1 tbsp capers, drained and chopped
1-1/2 tsps Dijon mustard
1/4 cup dry vermouth
2 tsps fresh lemon juice
salt and pepper to taste

Season fillets with salt and pepper and place them in a well-buttered baking dish. Sprinkle fish with shallots, minced parsley, and chopped capers. Blend mustard and vermouth together, and sprinkle over fish. Dot each fillet with pats of butter, cover baking dish and simmer very gently for about fifteen minutes, then remove from fire.

Spoon juices into a small saucepan and reduce quickly to about 1/2 cup. Add to this one tablespoon of butter and the lemon juice, blend well and coat the fillets with this mixture. Place uncovered under a very hot broiler for a minute, to brown the top, and serve immediately. The usual garnish of parsley sprigs and lemon wedges goes well here also, as do the complements mentioned above, for the other recipe.

Because of the vermouth used in this particular recipe, in this case we recommend switching your wine from a Chinon Blanc to something much drier, such as Bolla Soave, to more truly savor the delicate flavor of this dish.



HIGH TIDE TABLES

DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	Breakwater Harbor AM	Breakwater Harbor PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGE-PORT AM	BRIDGE-PORT PM	NEW-PORT AM	NEW-PORT PM	DATE
THUR.	12:40	12:55	1:35	2:00	1:30	1:50	2:30	2:50	4:55	5:20	4:15	4:35	12:35	1:00	10/30
FRI.	1:40	1:55	2:40	3:05	2:25	2:45	3:40	3:55	6:00	6:30	5:15	5:40	1:35	2:00	10/31
SAT.	2:40	2:55	3:45	4:05	3:25	3:45	4:45	5:00	7:00	7:30	6:20	6:40	2:35	3:00	11/1
SUN.	3:40	3:55	4:45	5:00	4:25	4:40	5:35	5:55	7:55	8:20	7:10	7:35	3:30	3:55	11/2
MON.	4:35	4:50	5:35	5:45	5:15	5:30	6:20	6:40	8:45	9:10	8:00	8:25	4:20	4:40	11/3
TUE.	5:20	5:35	6:15	6:30	6:00	6:15	7:00	7:20	9:25	9:50	8:45	9:05	5:05	5:25	11/4
WED.	6:00	6:15	6:50	7:10	6:40	6:55	7:35	7:55	10:05	10:30	9:25	9:45	5:45	6:05	11/5
THUR.	6:35	6:55	7:30	7:45	7:20	7:35	8:10	8:30	10:40	11:05	10:00	10:25	6:25	6:45	11/6

HOW TO USE TIDE TABLES:

To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion tables. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that areas station above. Example: "Shinnecock Inlet.....—0 50" is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." —0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6 ½ hours to this figure.

On SANDY HOOK

STATEN ISLAND	+ 0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	—0 01
Red Bank, Navesink R.I.	+ 0 48
Long Branch	—0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	—0 18
Shark River Basin	+ 0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	—0 12
Seaside Park	—0 33
Mantoloking Bridge	+ 5 34
TOMS RIVER	+ 4 37
Waretown	+ 2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	—0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+ 2 33
Beach Haven	+ 1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	—0 01
Seven Islands	+ 0 12
Graveling Point	+ 1 05
Mullica River	+ 1 55
Grassy Bay	+ 1 08
ABSECON INLET	+ 0 14
Atlantic City Pier	—0 26
Gt. Egg Harbor Inlet	+ 0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+ 0 46
CORSON INLET	+ 0 09
TOWNESEND INLET	+ 0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+ 0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+ 0 45
Cape May Harbor	—0 02
Rehoboth Beach	—0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+ 0 14
SHINNECOCK INLET	—0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+ 1 25
East Quogue	+ 2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+ 1 18
Indian Reservation	+ 3 05
MORICHES INLET	—0 56
Smith's Point	+ 3 28
Harts Cove	+ 1 30
Potunck Point	+ 3 35
Mastic Beach	+ 3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	—0 38
Democrat Point	—0 38
Coast Guard Station	—0 19
Fire Island Light	+ 0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville	+ 3 39
Heckscher State Pk.	+ 3 20
Bay Shore	+ 2 23
Babylon	+ 2 12
Amityville	+ 2 21
JONES INLET	—0 19
Zachs Bay	+ 1 25
Seaford Harbor	+ 2 05
Freeport Creek	+ 0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	—0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+ 0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	—0 00
Beach Ch. Bridge	+ 0 38
JFK Airport	+ 0 26

On BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+ 0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+ 0 08
Bayville Bridge	+ 0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+ 0 03
Northport Bay	+ 0 03
Norwalk Islands	+ 0 10
Smithtown Bay	—0 03
Cranes Neck Point	+ 0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+ 0 03
New Haven Harbor	+ 0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	—0 08
Herod Point	—0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+ 0 19
Horton Point	—0 20
Truman Beach	—0 42
Falkner Island	—0 13
Sachem Head	—0 10
Branford Harbor	—0 07
New Haven Harbor	—0 08
Milford Harbor	—0 07
Stratford	+ 0 27
Shelton	+ 1 36
Black Rock Harbor	—0 03
Saugatuck River	—0 01
South Norwalk	+ 0 10
Greens Ledge	—0 01
Stamford	+ 0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+ 0 06
Greenwich	+ 0 02

On NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+ 0 27
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+ 0 12
Greenport	+ 1 04
Southold	+ 1 43
New Suffolk	+ 2 26
South Jamesport	+ 2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+ 2 33
Noyack Bay	+ 2 05
Sag Harbor	+ 0 59
Gardiners Bay	+ 0 21
Promised Land	—0 14
Montauk Inlet	—0 25
Montauk Point	—1 13
Niantic	+ 1 20
Stonington	—0 33
Noank, Mystic River	—0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove	—0 01
Norwich	+ 0 09
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook jetty	+ 1 10
Lyme	+ 1 24
Essex	+ 1 38
East Haddam	+ 2 41
Higganum Creek	+ 2 54

On WILLETS PT.

Little Neck Bay	—0 10
Execution Light	—0 06
Manhasset Bay	—0 01
Hempstead Harbor	—0 11
City Island	—0 03
Rye Beach	—0 28
Port Chester	—0 09
Mamaroneck	—0 08
New Rochelle	—0 24
Davids Island	—0 02

On B'WATER HB.

CAPE MAY POINT	—0 10
Miami Beach	+ 1 17
East Point	+ 0 53
Egg Island Point	+ 0 33
Cape Henlopen	—0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+ 0 09
Mispillion River Ent.	+ 0 33
St. Jones River Ent.	+ 0 57

On NEW YORK

Jersey City	+ 0 07
Geo. Washington Br.	+ 0 46
Spuyten Duyvil	+ 0 58
Ossining	+ 1 53
Peekskill	+ 2 24
West Point	+ 3 16
Newburg	+ 3 42

On NEWPORT

Sakonnet	—0 10
Tiverton	+ 0 21
Beavertail Point	—0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Pt.	+ 0 10
Bristol	+ 0 10
Warren	+ 0 21
Nayatt Point	+ 0 12
Pawtucket	+ 0 21
East Greenwich	+ 0 16
Wickford	+ 0 12
Narragansett Pier	—0 08
Point Judith Harbor	—0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+ 0 05
Old Harbor	—0 14
Watch Hill Point	+ 0 44

SUNRISE/SUNSET

10/31	6:32	4:53
11/1	6:33	4:54
11/2	6:34	4:52
11/3	6:36	4:51
11/4	6:37	4:50
11/5	6:38	4:49
11/6	6:39	4:48

PHASES OF THE MOON

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	2nd Qtr.
11/7	11/15	11:22	11/29

The Original Knight

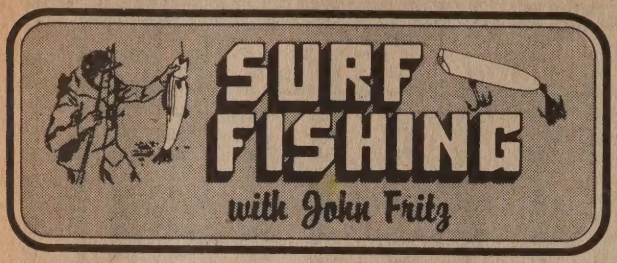
SOLUNAR TABLES

When To Fish Or Hunt

The schedule of solunar periods for the following week as printed below has been taken from the original Knight Solunar Tables. Plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during these times when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee you will catch fish, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for an hour-and-a-half or two hours thereafter, and are in the bold type face. The minor periods are shorter in duration and lighter type.

	AM		PM	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	10:20	**4:35**	10:45	**5:00**
Fri.	11:15	**5:30**	11:40	**5:55**
Sat.	—	**6:15**	12:10	**6:35**
Sun.	12:25	**6:55**	12:50	**7:15**
Mon.	1:05	**7:30**	1:30	**7:55**
Tues.	1:40	**8:10**	2:10	**8:30**
Wed.	2:20	**8:45**	2:45	**9:10**
Thurs.	2:55	**9:25**	3:25	**9:45**



SOMETHING NEW

During the course of the fall migration surfcasters, working the outer South Shore beaches, enjoy many exhilarating moments with passing schools of willing game fish. At this time of the year, most summertime restrictions are eased so that the shore-bound angler has many different areas from which he can pursue his sport. Even with vast sections of waterfront to roam, there are circumstances which severely limit the ability of many anglers to make full use of all the beaches available.

Many expanses of shore line can only be covered properly with the aid of a beach buggy. This is true despite the fact that numerous access roads will permit the angler, confined to within walking distance of the hard top, entry to many prime fishing locations. Unfortunately, the vast majority of these beaches lie east of Moriches Inlet, a considerable drive for most of Long Island's surfmen. Closer to the city we are limited to the town beaches and designated areas within the State Parks. One of the better locations within the park system was lost when parking field #9 was swept away by a severe storm several years ago, never to be opened again according to park officials. Although this loss leaves a critical gap in our access to the South Shore, we have gained entry to a different stretch of waterfront a few minutes drive east.

Through the efforts of the Surf Fisherman's Advisory Council and the willingness of Commissioner John Sheridan to expand the surfcasters' domain, parking field #4 at Robert Moses State Park will be opened to surf fishermen during daylight hours from October 1 to December 31. While this might seem a minute addition when taking an overall look at the many miles of waterfront lost to surfmen through the years, it does represent a reversal of a depressing trend. It is interesting to note that this concession comes at a time when increasing pressure is being brought to bear on local officials to restrict further the activities of surf fishermen. Because of this pressure, our compliance with the few modest rules governing the use of field #4 is strongly urged so that additional access will be possible in the future.

Parking Field #4 will be opened to surf fishermen displaying the free Night Fishing Permit issued for Long Island's State Beaches. While buggy permits will also be honored, there is no need to spend the $15 to fish this area for vehicles will be restricted to parking in the lot only. So that there will be no doubt in anyone's mind, **NO** vehicles will be permitted on the beach or in any area other than lot #4. The rules governing Robert Moses Park lands west of the Tower remain the same as in past years. Daylight parking in field #3, nighttime parking in other areas, parking field #4 will be opened **only** from sunrise to sunset with the likely possibility of being ticketed if the vehicle is parked in the lot during the hours of darkness.

Although this might seem a trivial addition to our territory when compared to what we would really like, buggy access to the eastern stretch of Robert Moses, the obstacles and misconceptions which had to be overcome presented a glimpse at what will transpire in future negotiations whether it be for additional access or to hold what we have today.

Now that all that is explained, let me describe a few of the fishing possibilities to those unfamiliar with this shore. Since this is open sandy beach at the mercy of a relentless ocean—sand bars, holes, sloughs, etc., can change overnight. Throughout the years, though, a productive bar has repeatedly formed in close proximity to the water tower. On many occasions, it will lie directly in front of the tower, but in '78, this bar formed at the western edge of field #4 and produced excellent fishing for several days. At this time, hopeful anglers had to park their autos in field #3 and trudge the long distance to the hotspot. This trek is

Productive bars and sluiceways mark this newly accessible stretch of State Park shoreline.

of minor inconvenience when fish are known to be present. Unfortunately, the surfman is not always aware of the latest happenings in a given area; therefore, he must check it out on his own, or as is commonly referred to on the beach as "keeping it honest." The importance of this additional parking lot can readily be seen, for with very little effort a heretofore inscrutable stretch of beach can be examined with little time lost if it fails to produce, with the angler soon on his way to check out areas further west.

Because the fishing at this particular place at this time of the season is focused on migrating game fish, no specific times and dates can be strictly adhered to. Shortly after the first of October, fast moving schools of bluefish start working their way westward from the eastern tip of Long Island. Their arrival is influenced by the availability of bait and the severity of the prevailing weather, but interspersed among these accommodating marauders are the more selective weaks and striped bass.

On many occasions anglers, upon learning that the predominant species prevailing at a given time are small bluefish, will pack it in to search for more desirable species elsewhere. Frequently, better fishing can be had by staying put and searching out the lurking heavyweights with a change of tactics. In many instances, fast moving schools of small bluefish will mercilessly ravage the hapless bait. In their frenzy to stay on the attack, crippled and dying baitfish together with bits and pieces, either regurgitated or missed in the foray, settle to the bottom in the wake of the onslaught. The wiser and larger fish such as bass and weaks and most often the larger blues will cruise behind the scene of slaughter and leisurely pick up their meal with little effort expended. If a surfman can resist the temptation to cast into the scene of obvious action and concentrate his attention to the rear of the visible school, more sizable fish can often be taken while his cohorts expend themselves and their gear hauling in run-of-the-mill bluefish.

When casting into the turmoil created by a school of frenzied blues, tackle receives a terrible beating. Feathered hooks and pretty wooden plugs soon show the ravages of bluefish dentures. These fish become so crazed that they strike any moving object, often trying to steal the lure from another's grasp. Double headers are frequent, but so are frayed and broken lines, for wire leaders are of little help when fishing in a wild melee such as this. Don't get me wrong—a scene such as this is one of the greatest witnessed in surf fishing and each surfman should get his fill to help make up for all those fishless nights. What I'm trying to explain is that after having your fill of such sport, a bonus can often be had by working the edges of such a school.

The scene described above will allow even the most inexperienced fisherman to put fish on the beach. More often than not, a surfman will have to work diligently to achieve success, for most of the time the fish will not show themselves. Careful working of the waterfront with a few selective lures is a must when there is no sign of fish being present. Since this is daylight fishing, the major portion of the plug bag should be occupied with tins and poppers. Some might say, "No sweat; the heck with the bag. I'll take two Hopkins and two Striper Swipers and travel light." On many occasions that will probably be sufficient, but I would hate to be a half mile down the beach with everyone taking fish on a J-8 while mine sit safe and sound in the trunk of the car. The motto "Always Be Prepared" holds true in more than Scouting. Of course, a person cannot carry one of every lure available, but a reasonable mixture to cover the broadest variations should be included in the bag.

Naturally a couple standard popping plugs, a blue-and-white combo and one with a yellowish tint are most likely the first plugs to be added to the bag. If longer casts are needed, one or two of the heavier poppers—possibly of the Polaris type—are a must, but don't forget a Pencil Popper for no other daylight lure is better at enticing a lethargic fish into striking. How about a white or yellow bottle plug if the fish are lying deep, refusing to come to the surface or perhaps an Atom 40 for those calm twilight periods.

A selection of tins can include the well-known Hopkins, but also the Kastmaster and a variety of specialized squids such as the J-8, J-5 and the D-5. Then there are those times when fish are only taken on bucktails or maybe Mickey Chiarenza's famous Whiptail. Remember also, the many fish taken in the past few years on tins adorned with tube-covered tail hooks.

Now that you have a selection of working lures assembled, you realize that they can't possibly all fit into the plug bag. What are you going to leave out? I cannot answer that for I always display an uncanny knack for eliminating the very lures needed that trip.

Seriously, though, all these lures and countless others have produced fish off the sandy beaches of the South Shore. A reasonable selection of your most consistent fish catchers is about the best anyone can hope to cover. Remember the choice of rod and reel will confine the variety and weights to within the limits of what your tackle can readily handle. Most surfmen plying these open sandy beaches choose ten or eleven foot, medium-action rods equipped with reels similar to the Penn #704 or the newer skirted spool #750. Line tests of fifteen to twenty pounds will enable the angler to lean into the stick when the fish are off the beach or lead a struggling teen-sized bluefish through a picket line of surfmen. This tackle will easily accommodate casting weights from an ounce-and-a-half to over three ounces and provide the backbone to bring substantial fish through a crashing surf. Although some anglers prefer to use tackle on a considerably lighter scale, they will be at a disadvantage when long casts are necessary or heavy seas, strong head winds or crowding is encountered.

Since you will be facing a southerly direction winds from that quarter can hinder the cast, but more important it stirs the surf providing that white water so often necessary for good surf fishing. When such conditions prevail, a top and waders are essential if one wishes to remain reasonably dry. I say reasonably, because most often when fishing in a crashing surf, it is virtually impossible to prevent all water from reaching those warm inner regions.

The shore line east of this parking field received very little attention from surfmen during past autumns. The distance from field #3 was too great for the majority of anglers to overcome. Now that this distance has been considerably shortened, productive fishing holes further east might be discovered. An extensive stretch of public beachfront lies in this direction before the Hamlet of Kismet is reached. Remember, our behavior will be watched carefully this fall. In this day and age we have to earn the right to request more of our waterfront be made available for legitimate surf fishermen.

National Scene: THE ELECTION

(Continued from page 4.)

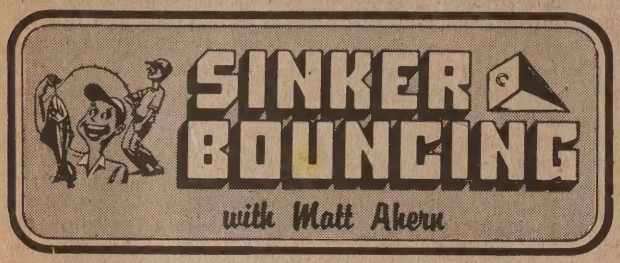
Congressman Chris Dodd (D) were supporters of the 200-Mile Limit.

Other Congressmen running this year who supported the 200-Mile Limit include Addabbo (D-NY), Ambro (D-NY), Downey (D-NY), Howard (D-NJ), McKinney (R-CT), Minish (D-NJ), Maguire (D-NJ), Ottinger (D-NY), Richmond (D-NY), Rodino (D-NJ), Roe (D-NJ), Rosenthal (D-NY), Sarasin (R-CT), Solarz (D-NY) and Wolff (D-NY).

Among the few still around who opposed the 200-Mile Limit are Bingham (D-NY), Rangel (D-NY), Scheurer (D-NY), and Fenwick (R-NJ). Of these, only Bingham voted even against the conference report—and he was joined by Shirley Chisholm (D-NY) who was absent on the original vote.

In making your decisions on Election Day, I hope you'll keep the fisheries positions of the various candidates in mind. Try to sound out the positions of the challengers, and urge them to seek membership on the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee—where they can really do us some good. No matter what you decide, by all means get into that booth and do your duty as a citizen!

Several weeks ago a letter from Bert Manning of Bayside left me with the distinct impression of a mighty discouraged fisherman. Bert sent a list of questions pertaining to the difficulties he encountered while codfishing. "What gets me," Bert wrote at the conclusion of his letter, "you say in your articles that codfishing is easy. I made three party boat trips last winter and didn't get a fish." I was sorry to know that, of course, and told him so. But I added that he must have been



COD PRIMER

misinformed somewhere along the line. I could not recall any article I've written over the years which stated cod-catching was easy. Nor do I ever intend to do so. Except under unusual once-in-a-lifetime conditions, codfishing is never easy.

Even during those long-gone days of plenty, it was never that. A fisherman still had to know his stuff; he decked few cod before the important basics were learned. I know my first attempt at codfishing was a disaster—this at a time when a dozen or more cod per fisherman was the expected thing. Had not a compassionate fellow fisherman literally taken me by the hand and shown me my mistakes, my second trip would surely have been a dismal repeat. I had much to learn and never realized it.

A fisherman had need of the basics then, and most assuredly he needs them now—especially so since today's codfishing is a far cry from the way it was.

It is not surprising to me that Mr. Manning had difficulty. I would have been surprised only if he hadn't. But this is no reflection on Mr. Manning as a fisherman. His disappointments came, I'm sure, only because of misinformation somewhere along the line. Yet Mr. Manning's poor results do not mean if you intend to make your first attempt at codfishing this winter, all you can expect is the big zip. Perish the thought! If everyone thought so, codfishing as we know it would quickly come to a grinding halt. My files contain dozens of letters from beginning codfishermen telling me of success on that first trip. There is one letter in particular from a Massapequa youngster who caught nine cod on his initial trip—which is something I haven't done in some time.

So, all in all, I'd say the chances of a beginning codfisherman being successful are pretty good—providing, of course, he is familiar with the basics. None of us can go out there without knowledge of riggings, baits, etc., and expect to make a killing. And it doesn't necessarily have to be cod we're after. Without knowledge of the basic requirements, even more easily caught flounder will give us the cold shoulder. It is the wise fisherman who learns everything possible about the fish he seeks.

And particularly does this apply to cod.

To be equipped with the latest designs of the tackle-maker's art will not put fish in your bucket. Knowledge of the fish—and knowledge alone—does that. Your beautiful rod, your flawless reel, will help you to better enjoy yourself—but that's all. Each will make fishing "easier" and a joy to use—but that's all. Never lose sight of the fact that in the hands of an expert, the lowly dropline will outfish a rod and reel any time. One thing old-time dropline fishermen possessed that many of today's rod and reel fishermen do not was indispensable knowledge. Without this, fishermen get nowhere.

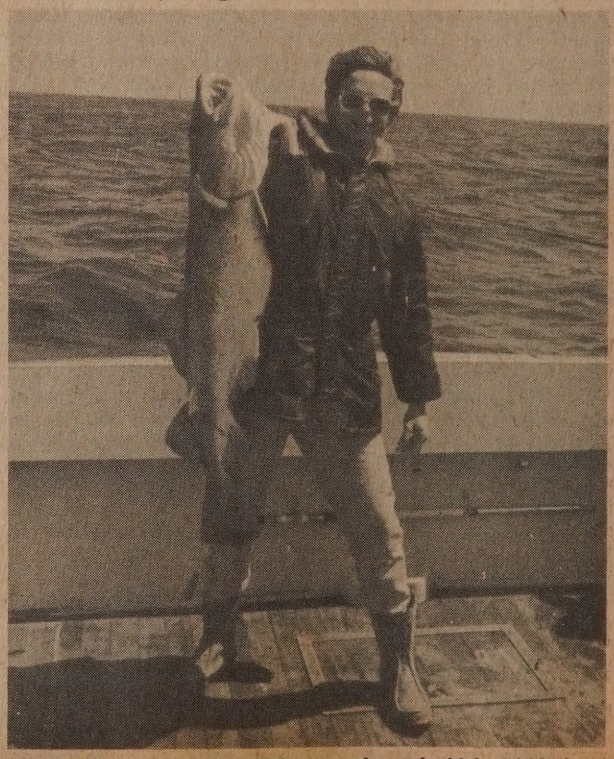
Because I feel it is important for a fisherman to know as much as possible about his quarry, let's spend a few minutes on the life style of cod. This may bore you, but I hope not.

Cod are hunters of the sea. They inhabit both sides of the North Atlantic, and on our coast they range (in winter) as far south as North Carolina. Those we catch migrate from Nantucket Shoal. It is thought cod from the Grand Bank and similar far off commercial areas do not migrate. Much scientific study has been done on cod—and why not? Cod are responsible for the discovery of the New World. European codfishermen in their endeavor to find even more prolific codfishing grounds landed on the shores of Iceland, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, Maine, Massachusetts, and Long Island about the year 1000. School books may not agree with this, but these are known and accepted facts.

Have you ever wondered how fast cod grow? Well, let me say in this respect, we local fishermen are indeed lucky. Our winter cod—those which summer on Nantucket Shoal—grow faster than do those from other areas. Because of my intense interest in cod, I have gathered quite a bit of information and am able to give you their growth rate as vouched for by our Bureau of Fisheries' scientists. For what it is worth: European cod for their first three years of life average five, eight, and twelve inches respectively. Bay of Fundy cod: five, fourteen, and nineteen inches. But our migrating Nantucket Shoal cod average eight, fifteen, and twenty-three inches. Whether this faster growth is due to an abundance of or a particular food has not been established.

As noted before, cod are hunters. They will attack any fish considered small enough to fit into that cavernous mouth—which you must admit covers a lot of ground. Anything edible is grist to a cod—plus objects which could not, by the wildest stretch of the imagination, be considered as such.

I once caught a cod on the old Ambrose Lightship grounds that had swallowed a discarded rubber heel from a man's boot—nails and all! Jewelry (watches, rings, etc.) have been known to turn up on occasion, as well as cigarette packages, tobacco cans, false teeth (?), whiskey bottles (empty, I presume), plus all sort of litter tossed overboard from transatlantic liners, and, of course, sea shells—never before seen by human eyes. All this should not be too surprising when one considers that cod have



L.I.F. ad man, Stu Miller hefts a trophy cod which gobbled a skimmer clam bait. Old soakers like this one don't come easy!

been caught which weighed over 200 lbs. (a six foot, 211¼ lber. is the established record-holder); therefore, it certainly must have a working appetite to attain such weights.

Though a prolific spawner (up to twelve million eggs from one good-sized female), cod begin life at a mere one-sixth of an inch. Certainly most of these millions upon millions of hatchlings must serve as food for other fish, else we would be up to our fannies in cod. But enough make it to maturity to keep the average codfisherman happy.

There is much more to be told about cod and their life style, but space limitations do not permit going into them now. Someday I shall do so.

But knowing interesting facts about cod won't help you put them in your bucket; however, they will certainly take you out of the realm of the average codfisherman and help you become what I like to call a well-rounded fisherman—which puts you one step closer to your goal.

It is also not my intention to use valuable space on tackle; better to use it discussing hooks and bait. Tackle-wise, your problems are few. Use a conventional rod and reel—forget spinning gear. It will not handle the heavy sinkers needed to get your bait on bottom and hold it there. And to attempt to winch in a cod through sixty to one hundred feet of water with spinning tackle is the height of foolishness. You may do it, but before that cod is on deck, you'll wish you had left this whippy stuff home where it belongs.

The rod you use should be stiff enough to sink a good-sized hook in the cod's leather-like jaws. It should be light enough not to become tiring; holding a heavy rod all day long is not my idea of fun, especially if the weather is cold.

As for the rod's length, there isn't much I can tell you. Some fellows swear by a long rod, saying it enables them to get out and beyond the competition. All well and good: there's nothing wrong with that. But don't forget what was mentioned before about the old-timer and his dropline. This fellow certainly couldn't get out beyond the competition, yet few rod and reel fishermen ever outfished him. The old-timer didn't rely on rod length—what he relied on was fish-knowledge. Should you have doubts as to the correct rod length for you, I think it best to select one no more than a foot longer than your height. You'll find such a rod easy to handle.

Your reel should match the rod and have a smooth-working star drag. Buy the best you can afford and remember to shun those "bargain" brand reels as if they were the plague. Such reels will cost you money, aggravation, and fish. Fill that good reel with at least 150 yards of good quality forty pound test monofilament line. Some experienced fishermen reduce this to thirty pound test; but if you are a beginner, I think it best to use the heavier stuff.

Now we get to the important basics. And please—don't consider any suggestion as meaningless. Nothing is set down without good reason. You'll find no "secrets" involved, but what I'm about to write has worked for me for over a half-century. These methods will work for you.

First of all, know your rigging. Don't just slap anything on your line that is eye-appealing to YOU. Forget you! Those cod down there don't know you exist. Shun those gaudy beads and shiny swiveling hook leaders, and whatever else is dreamed up to part you from your hard-earned buck. If you want to catch your share of cod, keep it simple. The expert bottom fisherman's adage has long been: the less hardware, the better. Take it to heart if you wish to excel at the bottom fishing game.

Use only the basic deep-sea rig. When you go beyond a plain Sproat hook on an eighteen inch leader and a suitable bank or diamond sinker, you are indeed lessening your chances.

My hook choice for codfishing has long been a regular-shanked 5/0 Sproat. A 6/0 is okay, but beyond that I refuse to go. If need be, I will sometimes use the commercial fisherman's 5/0 Limerick. It isn't that larger hooks don't catch cod, but the temptation to load them with bait is great. And therein lies the pitfall. This is a poor practice for two reasons.

One, cod are shy. Don't ever forget the existence of this shyness—it is your big edge. And because of this shyness, large baits are looked upon with suspicion. Two—and extremely important—large hooks, plus the added weight of gobs of bait, keep the hook from standing straight out in the current where it is easily noticed and available to prowling cod. Often, heavy hooks and baits will tangle around the main line as they plummet through the depths toward bottom. Few cod, because of that inherent shyness, will venture close enough to your line to do their own entangling. Cod prefer baits presented in the most appealing and natural manner...always!

Place your leadered hook about three feet above the sinker. If you wish, a second hook with an ordinary twelve inch snell can be tied in about two to three inches above the sinker. Cod are occasionally caught on bottom hooks, but you are more likely to bag a ling or two—even a blackfish when fishing wrecks or other obstructed bottom.

Hooks should be placed on the main line by using two inch dropper loops, formed by making double-overhand knots. Three-way swivels—4/0 to 6/0— or a "Quick-Rig" can be used in place of droppers. "Quick-Rigs" are preferred and are available in most tackle shops.

As for bait, the choice is wide. With few exceptions, anything which swims, or that lives in the sea, can be used. I suppose skimmer clam is the most popular bait, but bergalls (live, dead, or slices) have brought me many a cod—especially when wreck fishing. And don't overlook fresh mackerel and herring chunks; smelt and fresh squid, too. Leather-like conch is good to use when bergalls are thick.

When baiting with skimmer, it is important that a portion of the soft belly remain with each slice. (Always slice skimmer longways.) This soft belly is what cod relish. And don't overdo by using more than half an average-sized skimmer or one-third of a large one. If you must use small skimmers, be sure to score the belly of each. I would not use more than two small skimmers on each hook.

It is also important to have hook point and barb exposed; especially does this apply when using tough-as-shoe-leather conch. Cod never notice and it assures easier hooking.

I've noticed over the years that those codfishermen who allow their rig to lie quietly on bottom catch more fish than those who continuously jig. On a rough day this can be a problem, but you can learn to compensate for the rise and fall of the boat in a short time. I believe I've caught a hundred cod for every one I've caught jigging. This applies only to bait fishermen. (Those who use artificial lures, diamond jigs, etc., must of necessity keep the lure in motion.) It is okay to lift the rig from time to time to check if you have a visitor, but most of your time should be spent fishing a dead line.

Cod attack bait in one of two ways: either by striking solidly and nearly yanking the rod from the hands of startled fishermen, or by quietly engulfing the bait, giving no inkling of its presence. Most of my cod have been caught when they attempted the "sneaky" act, it is most important to lift the rod at intervals. Should weight be felt, strike back with force. You've got to sink that hook in those tough jaws. This is important, for half-hearted attempts won't do it. Timid fishermen are sure to lose more than their share of cod.

When cod strike with force, it is best to wait for three solid bites before setting the hook. I know this is difficult, for reflexes must be trained. But as with everything else, it can be learned. You'll put more cod on deck when control is managed.

I'm sure the best way to learn how to catch cod is to go aboard a party or charter boat. You can't beat this method of learning, especially in the beginning of your codfishing career; any difficulties encountered are easily corrected by expert fishermen.

Incidentally, I mentioned at the start of this article that only under unusual once-in-a-lifetime conditions are cod easy to catch. Next week's Old-Timer article tells of just such an occasion where one fisherman alone caught 105 cod.

FALL FLOUNDER FISHING

by John V. Konior

With the fall season upon us comes cool nights, frosty mornings, and the itch to load up on tasty flounder. Barring any drastic change in the weather, the flatfish season should last well into November and beyond.

The fall flounder season has been somewhat erratic over the last few years. This might have been caused by the terribly severe winters which could have had a detrimental effect on the fish stock. However, judging by the fairly decent results this spring, I am hopeful that the fall season will be pretty good. Early reports indicate that fish are already being caught in fairly good numbers.

Fishing technique for flounder differs somewhat during the fall vs. the spring season. Spring flounder having hibernated most of the winter are very sluggish at first, but gradually become voracious as the season progresses, especially when coaxed by chum.

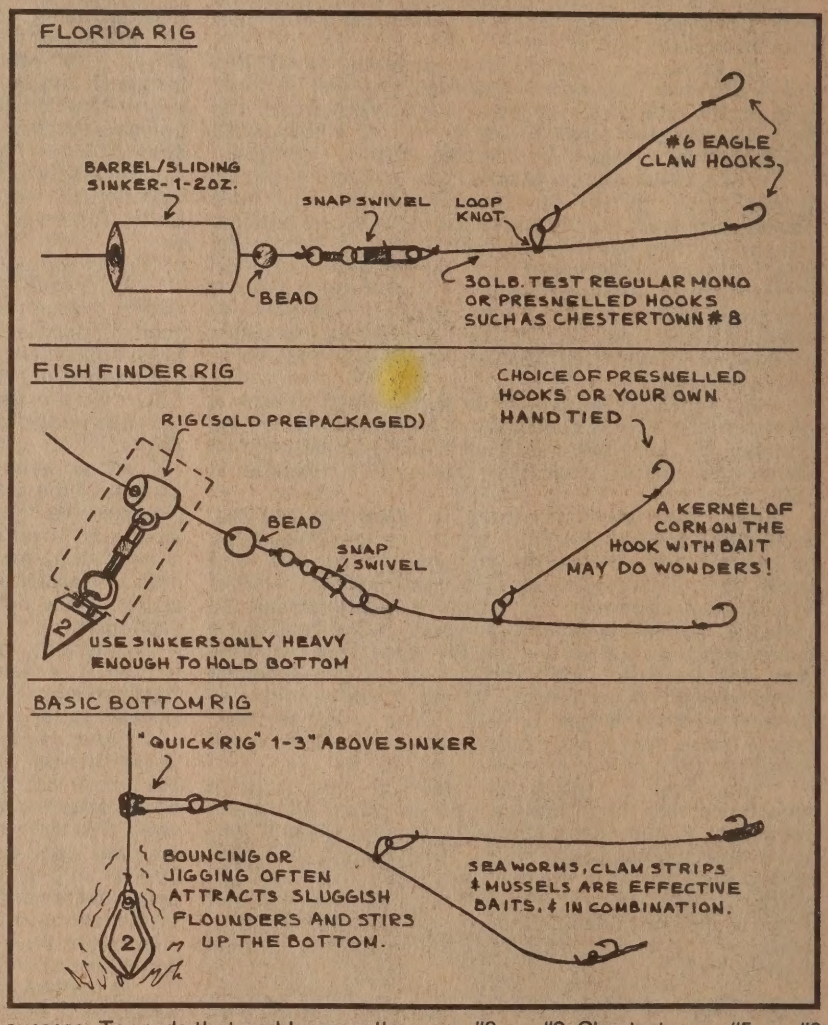
In my experience, fall flounders tend to be cautious and require a bit more coaxing. Chumming can prove to be an advantage, but at times the wrong chum can attract more pests—such as crabs—than fish.

Locations are important. Being a South Shore hound based out of Seaford Harbor, I tend to concentrate in areas bounded by Squaw Island in the Amity Channel to points westward that include Merrick Bay, Fundy Bay, Swift Creek and Reynolds Channel and a number of spots in-between.

The general rule I follow is to fish the deep holes in the early fall gradually trying shallower water as the season progresses (October), returning to the deeper holes as the season wears down, especially when the water cools down.

Where tackle is concerned, the emphasis is on light tackle. I enjoy using a light 6½ ft. spinning rod with a stiff tip, a light/medium saltwater spinning reel loaded with ten to twelve pound mono. Sinker weight will vary depending upon current speed. Although it's absolutely essential that your bait be on the bottom, I will use the lightest sinker that conditions will permit. However, keep in mind that it's just as important to prevent too much line from being released since the more line that is out will detract from your being able to detect the light bites of the flounder. Light tackle also permits you to fully enjoy the scrappiness of the fish.

I employ three different rigs when flounder fishing. The one I end up using for the day will depend on its success. Towards that end I generally will rig up three separate rods with a different rig on each. If you're fishing by yourself this may not be such a good idea, although you probably can handle two rods. It's the usual practice for me to bring along two of my kids, so this system often works out.


FLORIDA RIG
BARREL/SLIDING SINKER-1-2OZ.
SNAP SWIVEL
LOOP KNOT
#6 EAGLE CLAW HOOKS
BEAD
30 LB. TEST REGULAR MONO OR PRESNELLED HOOKS SUCH AS CHESTERTOWN #8
FISH FINDER RIG
CHOICE OF PRESNELLED HOOKS OR YOUR OWN HAND TIED
RIG (SOLD PREPACKAGED)
BEAD
SNAP SWIVEL
A KERNEL OF CORN ON THE HOOK WITH BAIT MAY DO WONDERS!
USE SINKERS ONLY HEAVY ENOUGH TO HOLD BOTTOM
BASIC BOTTOM RIG
"QUICK RIG" 1-3" ABOVE SINKER
BOUNCING OR JIGGING OFTEN ATTRACTS SLUGGISH FLOUNDERS AND STIRS UP THE BOTTOM.
SEA WORMS, CLAM STRIPS & MUSSELS ARE EFFECTIVE BAITS, & IN COMBINATION.

Two of the rigs are similar in variation. The first is the Florida Rig, which consists of a sliding sinker, a bead, and a snap swivel. The sinker, having a hole through it, is slid on the line; the bead is slid on after it (this provides a shock absorber for the sinker); the snap swivel is then tied on using an improved cinch knot. Regardless of which rig I use, hook selection is the same. I tie up my own hooks and prefer short shank #6 Eagle Claw hooks using regular 30 lb. test mono. Other acceptable hook patterns are #8 or #9 Chestertown, #5 or #6 Sproat, and long shank #6 to #9 Eagle Claw/Beak hooks. Here, again, I prefer a two-hook set-up, tying a loop knot in the leader of one hook and attaching the second hook to it. The hooks are then attached to the snap swivel. The advantages of the Florida Rig is twofold: it gets your hooks right on the bottom, and because the sinker is not directly attached to the line it enables you to feel the slightest bite and minimizes sinker resistance to the fish. It is especially effective when fish are wary and accounts for bigger fish as a rule. As with any rig that permits the hooks to be directly on the bottom, it is prone to pests such as crabs.

The second rig is the Fish Finder. This rig consists of a pre-packaged fish finder having a small molded plastic slide with an attached sinker

clip. It is rigged in the same manner as the Florida Rig using a bead and a snap swivel. This is a good rig since it minimizes line chafing, gets the hooks on the bottom, but is not quite as sensitive as the sliding sinker rig.

The third rig is the basic bottom rig. It consists of a "quick rig" attached two to three inches above the sinker, with the sinker attached directly to the end of the line. The Quick Rig permits the hooks, which are attached to it, to be raised up and down the line without having to re-rig. There are times where it is better to allow the hooks to be an inch or so above the bottom to provide improved bait visibility and flutter; also when the bottom is strewn with weed.

Flounder can become quite fussy at times; therefore, I prefer to bring along a variety of baits. While sea worms tend to be the mainstay, I've found that skimmer clams work especially well during the fall. As such, a typical menu would consist of blood and sand worms, one or two packages of clams (with some dyed yellow and red), and mussels. I try all, even in combination. I have found that a one inch piece of worm embedded on the hook, allowing a one-quarter inch to hang freely, works well. I cut the clam into strips a quarter-inch wide and an inch-and-a-quarter in length. Often a combination of worm and clam on the same hook works when all else fails.

I continually experiment with baits until the best combination is found. It's interesting to note that while one bait or combination thereof works well during one tide, another selection will prove effective during the other tide.

While mussels are generally more effective during the early spring run, I've had occasional success during the fall again when all else failed using them. Besides, the mussels can always be used for chum.

Several other points of interest regarding baits. Don't discard your unused blood worms at the end of the day. Freeze them and use again the next time you're out. I've had remarkable success with frozen blood worms, particularly during the mid-October span. Freezing softens them up. Unfortunately, I've had no success in freezing sand worms. The only way that I know to store sand worms for a period up to a week is to place them in a pail with cat litter and keep them outside.

Another technique that works wonders at times is to place a kernel of corn on the hook with bait. Try it!

As noted previously, chumming can dramatically improve your catch. Crushed mussels, ground clam, cracked skimmer clam either in a chum pot or strewn about the boat (providing that the current isn't too swift) will generally entice more fish to the hook. The only problem may be crabs.

I will always bring along a supply of natural chum, but also bring along three or four cans of whole kernel corn. When crabs are a problem I will revert to chumming with corn, although I will use them in combination. When chumming with corn remember to toss it out up-current from your boat so that it settles close to the stern, and/or where your bait is.

When chumming it's wise to avoid too much boat swing. Boat swing is encountered on windy days, and even on relatively windless days when the current slows down as a change in tide approaches. To minimize boat swing, tie off your anchor line to a stern or midship cleat or oarlock, etc. There's not much point to starting a chum slick if your boat is constantly going to be swinging in and out of it.

There are a few different techniques which can be applied to flatfish, though I employ the slow lift technique as a general rule. When a nibble is detected I slowly lift the rod tip a few inches allowing the bait to move. Once I feel a sharper tug I set the hook smartly with a lift of my wrist. If the fish drops, I lower the rod tip and repeat the process. Regardless of whether a nibble is felt, I repeat the slow lift process every ten to fifteen seconds or so. This is necessary because flounder often suck in the bait without a telltale bite. It's also a method for detecting crabs on your line.

When fish are very reluctant to hit, I will try a series of short, fast bounces (in effect, jigging the bait along the bottom). This technique will often work. However, at other times fish are especially sluggish or wary and even the slightest bait movement will spook them. It's during these occasions that I simply leave my rod unattended (but secured so it isn't hauled overboard by an outsized flounder or other species) and watch for a slight rod tip tap. It's amazing how often this "do-nothing" technique works.

Fall flounder fishing is quite enjoyable. It's not unusual to catch other bottom species along with the flounder especially during the early fall, e.g., king fish, porgy, sea bass, eels, snapper, and even an occasional fluke. It's certainly the time to bring along the family (at least during the early season when the weather's not too cold). And what better rewards are there than enjoying a mess of nice fat flounder fillet in the months to come.

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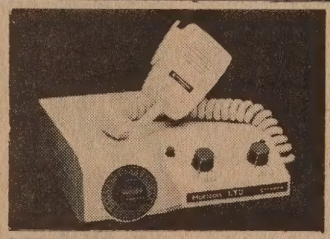

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BASS TIME IN THE BIGHT

by Richard Giessuebel

Did you ever stop to consider just how fortunate we, here in the New York Metropolitan Area, truly are? We have seasonal fisheries that supply us with both commercial and sport enterprises that are rivaled by very few other areas. Amongst our most prodigious species, we rank as high as anyone in the availability of striped bass. For, after all, the striper is native to our waters and, in fact, he winters in the Hudson River. Therefore, every spring and every fall we are treated to the passing of this vaunted species. Fish of major proportions are caught from piers, off jetties, from tidal creeks, from the Hudson River itself, from the upper and lower Raritan Bay, and from the ocean directly in front of these areas just mentioned. With such a fishery, we are truly lucky; and if we don't avail ourselves of the areas' full potential, then we are nobody's fool but our own. With this in mind, I'll discuss where to go to get in on the fall action, equipment required to succeed in each, baits, and proven techniques that will allow you to become part of a group that scores heavily on the striped bass populations every fall.

Many trophy stripers are taken from the N.Y. Bight each fall.

In the fall, stripers are returning from where they've spent their entire summer. Their arrival will be signaled by increased catch reports coming in from points to the east. Once the bass hit here, all they've got to do is come down along the Island where they finally take up residence at the confluence of Raritan Bay and the Atlantic Ocean. Once in this area, the following names become important locations: Flynn's Knoll, Romer Shoal, Between the Channels, West Bank, and the Sandy Hook Rip. Let's first look at these areas and then we'll look at where the fish go once they pass here.

FLYNN'S KNOLL is found directly off of Sandy Hook, N.J. It is exactly due north of it and it is bounded by the Sandy Hook Channel in the south, the Chapel Hill Channel in the West, and Romer Shoal's light in the north. Fishing doesn't usually spurt here until well into October. Once it starts, you can expect to catch both stripers as well as lunker bluefish into late November. Bass are normally trolled here on large swimming plugs such as the six ounce Danny plugs, or on bunker spoons. The big plugs are used both day and night, while the spoons are trolled primarily after daybreak. Of course, umbrella rigs are always fished here during the day, along with either the swimming plugs or bunker spoons.

The Knoll is about fifteen feet deep on the average, whereas the surrounding waters average in the mid-twenties. If trolling with wire, 110 ft. will be sufficient. However, there are several raised areas in the Knoll, especially right along the Sandy Hook Channel where the bottom comes way up and where you can lose your rigs if you're not careful. Therefore, keep a sharp watch on your depth recorder, and when it shows the bottom coming up, reel in your lures.

ROMER SHOALS is another place where you find an uplifted bottom. Here, there are places where the water gets very shallow. These places offer good holding areas for stripers. Bluefish, and on occasion, weakfish are caught from here. Trolling is again the order; however, guys do dunk bunker here and often drift with worms. The reason for this is the uneven bottom which, if you don't know what you're doing, can consume an awful lot of expensive equipment.

The Shoals are spread out from West Bank Light in the northwest, all along the Ambrose Channel to about

1.5 miles past Romer Shoal's light, and then back to the light. The area past the light, on the ocean side, is where there's a lot of high bottom. This area in particular must be trolled very carefully.

One final location here that **always** gives up a few bass is the light itself. Best fished by trolling bucktails past the northern side from a boat that's heading west to east, the light often gives up fish well on into the summer. There's one hang-up here, however, and that's the cable running off the light due north. Should you get your bucktail too far down, you'll invariably hook the cable and lose your bucktail. A 100 ft. shot of wire works best here.

The hot colors in this area are either all white or all yellow combinations of lead and feathers. Always fish a teaser tail, and when coming past the rocks, pull your rod from back to front on your boat giving life to the bucktails. Short jerky pulls from back to front impart a jigging motion on the jigs and often cause finicky bass to strike.

BETWEEN THE CHANNELS is the area spread just beyond the Romer Shoals, more on out into the ocean, laying between the Sandy Hook Channel in the south and the Ambrose Channel in the north. Again, there are a lot of bottom deviations in this area—the kind that big bass like to hunt around. Keep your eye on your Tach and on your depth finder, so that when a strike comes, you'll be able to come around to the same structure again and pass it at the same speed.

Between the channels, guys fish a lot of tubes. Often single tubes are trolled as well as the multi-tubular rigs. Once the fish arrive here, the run is officially underway. The bass will stay out here for quite awhile and often won't enter the river until the temperature of the water has fallen off into the upper forties.

WEST BANK refers to the bayside stretch of Romer Shoals running between West Bank light and Romer Shoals light. Then, from the West Bank light directly up to the Verrazano Narrows Bridge there are also fall-offs called the West Bank where bass are trolled effectively using bucktails. This is usually an outgoing tide fishery where the anglers work from the bridge on out towards the light.

SANDY HOOK RIP is one place that you can really score heavily on bass. However, the currents here are extremely treacherous and unless you're truly familiar with them, fish here only during daylight hours or until you become familiar enough to fish it at night. During the day, let me suggest using an over/under worm combination rig. Then, with engine on but not engaged, drift through the rip keeping the worms down and on the bottom. The water here borders the Sandy Hook Channel, and ranges in depth from ten to thirty-five feet. It's important to get your bait down to the bottom. I've had days here where I've caught fish after fish while many other boats in the area came up empty. This was primarily because I used light line, spinning tackle, and about ten ounces of lead to keep me straight up and down with the bottom. Others would let out way too much line with very light weights, and their baits would drift up high off the bottom.

Try trolling big swimming plugs here, too. Often there are big fish here just waiting for some fish to get in trouble in the rip, and when this happens, the bass jumps all over the unfortunate fish.

Moving inside the bay, more names become familiar to us. These names are: the Narrows, Great Kills, New Dorp Beach, Midland Beach, Fort Wadsworth, Penny Beach, Cliff Street Beach, Stapleton, the Statue of Liberty, Norton's Point, and Coney Island. Now, I won't be able to discuss each and every one of these areas; however, I will group them and then discuss the types of fishing you can expect from those areas listed in the group.

THE NARROWS is the strip of water extending from the lower Hudson River out through the opening between Brooklyn and Staten Island. The Narrows pass directly under the Verrazano Bridge and these waters are most effectively fished from a boat. If you watch your recorder under the bridge, you'll find that the bottom here is again very unregular. The average water depth along the western channel is about forty-five feet. Most guys here cast plugs up toward the shore, where they retrieve them slowly. Often surf casters are fishing in the opposite direction from Fort Wadsworth and you've got to be very careful. Other times, bunker dunkers drop their baits down here and drift off with them on an outgoing tide until they reach either Hoffman or Swinburne Islands. Then, it's right back to the bridge and down with the bunker again.

One thing for certain here is that the fish in residence are usually big. Nothing under ten pounds and that includes the blues and weaks that are caught in this locale, too. Equipment used here must be on the heavy side. Battling fish and current can get very demanding and light tackle just can't cut it.

THE BEACHES mentioned before like Coney Island, Midland, New Dorp, and Great Kills, all depend upon bass coming in and hunting around the rock piles. They'll often give their presence away by creating large swirls at the ends of the rocks, and when this is the case, get into those swirls quickly with big swimming plugs. Poppers are also big favorites for this fishing.

Casters fish both worms and bunker off of these beaches and do well. Live bunker live-lined off the beach often attract giant blues, bass and weaks.

Local tackle shops can supply all of your bait requirements as well as keep you posted as to where the best fishing can be had.

PENNY BEACH, CLIFF STREET BEACH, STAPLETON, BROOKLYN, and THE STATUE OF LIBERTY all surround the lower Hudson River or upper Narrows. The bass have got to pass here if they intend to get up-river. They'll also hold over well in this beat of water. Guys fish for them from the shore by dunking worms. They'll use a fishfinder rig and cast out along the ends of rock formations, or they'll drop the offering down off the sides of piers.

Sand or blood worms score well on fish in this area and fish are caught year-round. Many anglers will wade out into the river along here and cast big swimming plugs. The plugs are retrieved very slowly and the deeper they get the better. At times, big blues and weakfish will strike a swimmer meant for bass. A white finish seems to work best here.

Spoons also work well in this beat of water. Big Mepp's Striper Killers are very good, especially when the schoolies have bait trapped up near the surface. The spoon best resembles small bunker that are often present in this area. There are several Striper Killers on the market. As I said, the spoons work well on fish that are visibly feeding. However, there are spinning Striper Killers that work well on fish that are relaxing alongside of piers and pilings. These create some commotion when they come through the water and the bass are quick to investigate and to strike.

Finally, bucktails are a very effective lure if used in the proper manner. Best fished off of the endless piers, they're dropped down to the bottom where they are slowly jigged up and down to attract attention. Bass hiding in the pilings will come out and cream these little offerings. Sizes used usually range from one to two ounces, while colors again are best in white and yellow.

When fishing off of these structures, remember to bring along a long-handled net or gaff. Make certain to fish a buddy system here, too. A partner is often needed to win the struggle between man and fish here. One guy fights the fish while the other guy spooks the fish away from the pilings by splashing the water every time the fish comes too near to them. Then, when the fish has been whipped, the second guy handles either the net or gaff.

Don't forget small swimming plugs in this area. My favorite is the three-and-a-half inch Rapala. This is truly a deadly lure and can be fished in close to the piers with great effectiveness. Its vibrations really drive the bass crazy.

Well, there you have it. Fall bass fishing is a lot of fun and can be real rewarding. Persistence is the name of the game, and if you get out there enough, you'll learn the little secrets which each place has to offer.

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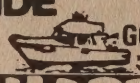

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Capt Mike of the charterboat **Montauk** called to say that up to the weekend, he had good bass fishing, with stripers up to 49 lbs. There was also a good showing of blackfish at Shagwong on green crabs. Still plenty of weakfish, with a catch of 15 on Monday both trolling and diamond jigging. Mike says that he's catching a lot on Tri-Fin jigs with a tube on it.

Yankee pitcher ace Rudy May spent four days at **Gone Fishing Marina** with Bill Collins and Nick Macchiaroli. They got out 3 out of 4 nights and had 10 bass, 16 bass and 24 bass on these 3 different nights, fish going from 20 to 40 lbs. on live eels fishing around Great Eastern.

The **Viking Fleet** prior to the storm had fair codfishing at Coxes, dynamite night bluefishing with nothing but alligators coming over the rail, and great porgy fishing. Then the winds came. Good catches should resume once the water and bottom settles down, which should be by the weekend.

Star Island Yacht Club reports that prior to the weekend good bass catches were had by trollers and diamond jiggers. Bluefishing at Cartwright had remained good and the blackfishing was a good item Cerebril Shoals. On Monday one boat returned with 12 stripers.

Walter Gavin and Stan Handzel with stripers of 38 and 25 lbs. trolled on bucktails at Montauk. Photo courtesy of Montauk Marine Basin.

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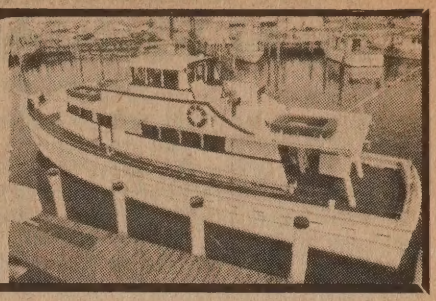

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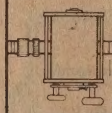

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EDITORIAL: Surf Fishing Permits

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appropriate permits, will NOT be banned from Democrat Point during any period of the season except the January 1, 1981 to March 31, 1981 period. Day and night access **is** assured for 1981.

Second, the Commission has conceded to surf fishermen the very thing that we have been insisting upon since the meetings began; that is, more and better enforcement of existing regulations. The barricades at the entrance to Captree and Robert Moses, as well as at the entrance to the parking lots at Jones Beach, represented important enforcement procedures and I believe all will agree that the results have been positive. The twenty-four hour in-season use of a barricade at the entrance to the beach at Democrat will prove to be, we are confident, yet another major improvement in enforcement. The bumper stickers will help officers and park officials to determine legitimate beach and parking lot users from a greater distance and with greater ease.

Third, **take note!!** Make sure that you get your permits BEFORE May 31, 1981!! We'll be reminding you throughout the winter, but please pass the word. If you belong to a fishing club, please inform all your members of this change. WE DO NOT WANT ANY LEGITIMATE SURF FISHERMAN TO BE EXCLUDED FROM SECURING A PERMIT. Thus, shortly after the first of the year we suggest that you overcome inertia and get that permit!

We are pleased with the pattern and spirit of cooperation that has been quick to develop between the Surf Fishing Advisory Council and the Long Island State Parks and Recreation Commission. We again wish to thank Mr. John Sheridan, General Manager and his staff for the sincere manner in which surf fishing access has been approached by the Commission, for the consideration he has given to our suggestions and requests, and for the commitment he has made to long and fruitful surf fishing access within the State Parks. There has been much progress and I am confident that all who have participated will agree on that. We look forward to even more progress in the future. We look upon this joint venture as a mutual assistance effort and recognize that such an approach has long been needed, but has also long been absent within the Commission before Mr. Sheridan's administration.

Our next item of business will be Gilgo Beach and this topic along with others will be addressed at our next meeting in early December. If you have any suggestions or comments, please make an attempt to get them to me before December. Again, thank you, our family of readers for your generous help and support.

William C. Mueller

George McNultey, Robert Sodano and "Papa" Bruno took these six stripers from 15-30 lbs. on diamond jigs aboard the Montauk open boat, "Marlin V."

Charterboat **Windy** reports that the first party of the week's fishing was great at night with the stripers going from 15 to 35 lbs. all trolled up on umbrellas at Great Eastern.

Captain Buddy Dorman of the **Viking Skipper II** reports that Thursday and Friday he caught strioped bass for his customers, a number of blues and also a goodly number of weaks along with jumbo seabass and porgies, all of which were jigged. Bud predicts that his record party boat 50½ lb. striper will be bettered aboard his boat. Theodore Phillips of NYC bagged a 4 lb. 14 oz. porgy which measured out to 18" and he also had a 4 lb. 10 oz. porgy fishing at Frisbees, south of the Point. The fish was weighed in at Montauk Marine Basin. Special mention also goes to John Stonetiseh of Northport who in 21 trips from June to October on the Viking Skipper II, averaged 81 porgies per trip.

A party headed by Mr. Manfre of Valley Stream totalled nine stripers on a recent trip aboard the charter boat "Adios."

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SOUTH FORK
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FLOUNDER

SHINNECOCK

Thom at **Specks Bait and Tackle** labeled the weekend a total washout. Before the blow both Peconic and Shinnecock Bay were in the midst of a very good flounder run. Thom expects the action will resume as soon as things settle down a bit.

The **Capt Clark II** reports good catches of sea bass and blackfish during the early part of the week on ocean wrecks. Several sea bass went over 6 lbs. with the remainder in the 1½ to 3 lb. class plentiful. Joseph Wagner of Lindenhurst took Tuesday's pool with an 8 lb. black along with a good catch of sea bass and blacks. On Thursday and Friday Capt Clark fished Pecnoc Bay wrecks for blackfish with good results. An 8 lb. black won the pool Friday. There were also full pails of mixed size blacks. The strong moon tide and coastal storm on the weekend kept the boat at the dock. The skipper looks forward to the best fishing on ocean wrecks from now to the end of November with blackfishing improving on a daily basis. All bait is available on the boat.

MORICHES BAY

Bill at **East Moriches Bait and Tackle** said that flounder fishermen made some excellent scores prior to the weekend's storm at Seatuck Cove, buoys 42, 43 and 44. Crabs also in good supply at 44. Worms and clam or mussel chum accounting for the best flounder scores. Very good bass action at the inlet up until Saturday. Boatmen working near the breach have been using umbrella rigs to troll from 3 to 7 stripers apiece in the 10-38 lb. range.

GREAT SOUTH BAY
★ BEST BET ★
FLDR. & BLACKS

OAKDALE

From **J&R Sport Shop**, Dave reported that the weather over the weekend kept everybody indoors. He did have some freshwater news, however. The Conetquot River (Bubbles Falls and Rattlesnake Creek) has been turning out good numbers of browns from 12-18 inches along with a few rainbows.

BAY SHORE

Carl told me from **Smokey's Tackle Shop** that boatmen continue to take bass in Fire Island Inlet. Pete Forstner had fish of 33 and 14 lbs. Saturday morning. Before the weekend storm, blackfishing had been very good on the Kismet Reef with green and fiddler crabs working best. Some flounder in the State Channel on worms and clams and big blues in the inlet on umbrella rigs. During last week, there was still a good body of blues in 80' of water south of Cherry Grove for jiggers. Carl ask that we mention that this is the final week he will be open seven days. Beginning next week it will be weekends only.

Capt Neil of the **Casey Lee** reports that Friday's flounder fishing was slim by noon with only six fish on the boat. Then after some careful searching, the skipper found the mother load and passengers banged a way to the tune of 10 to 15 flounders a man working in the state channel. Most fish were medium sized. The boat will be sailing Election Day and Veterans Day besides the regular sailing schedule of Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

CAPTREE

Wind and rain kept the open boat fleet in port over the weekend. Prior to the big blow, there was good blackfishing on the Kismet Reef and local bay wrecks as well as very good bluefishing a short run from the inlet. Flounder have been picky with most captains believing that a good dose of cold weather is all that is needed to improve the flatfishing.

Bobby at the **Captree Bait Station** reported that bluefishing had been very good before the storm, along with some fine blackfish action in the bay. He said shore casters did well with flounder last week from the Jones Beach piers and noted that a lot of blue claws are still being taken in the Bay.

Capt George Tweedy of the **Capt Scotty** says that Monday's, Wednesday's and Thursday's bluefish trips remain very good fishing in the area of the Oregon, jigging. George says Monday was especially good with all monsters being caught in the 14 to 16

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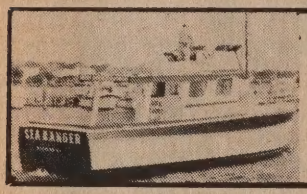

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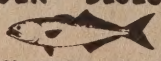

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and Tuesday, large numbers of giants up to 700 lbs. were rolling on the surface. What effect the storm has on these late season tunas remains to be seen.

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SEAFORD

Pretty good flounder fishing before the weekend's wind and rain, according to Lon of **Wanser's Tackle Shop**. Some of the better spots included Wanser's Cut, the 3rd Bridge, the 1st bridge, and Haunts Creek. Blackfishing good all last week at the local bridges on fiddlers and green crabs.

BELLMORE

Merrick Tackle reports that George George Smagala of Westbury bagged a 12 lb. 12 oz. weakfish Thursday throwing a 3 oz. Hopkins in the Jones's Beach surf. Scott reports that lots of bass are being caught throughout the bay on live eels, with many fish in the 30s and 40s. The surf is also producing well and yielded a 44 pounder this week, also on live eels. Six big fish were weighed in last week. Through Friday, decent flounder fishing was had in Merrick Bay at Merrick Point, the Bent Pole and the Golf Course. Lots of throw backs mixed in on worm and clam.

BALDWIN

Arthur Street Fishing Station says that prior to the big winds, Baldwin Bay flounder action was dependable with fish running from ½ to 1½ lbs. A few weakfish were also taken on sand worms at the bridges.

WEST END SOUTH SHORE
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FREEPORT

Capt Chris Specht of the **Starstream II** tells us that Monday through Friday the bottom fishing was fair with enough sea bass, porgies and blackfish to keep everybody happy.

The **Capt Al** reports that in the

early part of the week namely Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, all customers had very good catches of blues at Cholera. All fish were giants up to 19¼ lbs.

The **Capt Bill**, featuring 2 half-day trips daily, reports that on Tuesday Don Messmer of Bellmore caught 38 blacks and 4 flounder. Don returned Wednesday and boated 22 more blacks and 8 more flounder. Tuesday also saw Westbury angler Roosevelt Rogers bag 39 blacks on fiddlers while the boat flounder fished at the bridges. Flounders through Friday were caught on an average 10 to 12 fish a man per trip, and the flatties are holding up well, running from ¾ to 2½ lbs. The skipper asked us to announce that his mate, Jimmy, just got his license and will be running the boat on occasion, giving the skipper a chance at a day off every once in awhile.

The Captain Garry reported that due to the stormy weekend they were unable to sail. Captain Garry asked us to inform customers that beginning 11/2 he will be sailing open for flounder 8AM daily. Also, there are still some choice November and December charter dates remaining.

ISLAND PARK

Charlie at **Beckmann's Tackle Shop** said that while the storm prevented anyone from getting out over the weekend, he did have a huge striper to report from Thursday night. Howie Bessemer, Jr. along with his dad, Howard Sr. and Mike Shaw put away a 51 lb. striper on a live eel under the Meadowbrook bridge at around midnight. Charlie added that while flounder had been on the slow side last week blackfishing continued excellent.

LONG BEACH

Bernie Haag of **Long Beach Sports Marina** reported the weekend a total loss. Before the heavy weather moved in, however, boatmen were returning with good catches of both blackfish and flounder. The pilings at the Atlantic Beach bridge, the railroad trestle and the gong buoy produced

Richie Krulish with a 15 lb. weak and Benny Guadagni with an 11 lb. blue. Both were taken from the North Channel Bridge on bunker fillets during outgoing water. Photo courtesy of Cross Bay Bait and Tackle.

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excellent catches of blacks on a couple of days last week. Joe Beller weighed in a 7½ lb. blackfish on Thursday which he took on a fiddler crab at the gong buoy. Jesse Weston fishing from a rented Proline returned to the station with 45 blacks up to 6½ lbs. Best spots for flounder, according to Bernie have been the channel between the Lindell school and the railroad trestle, Cedarhurst Yacht Club and the hole behind Duck Point. Most rentals average 20-30 keepers apiece with chumming a big help. At the Magnolia Pier, some flounder along with an occasional porgy and kingfish for casters and good blackfishing from the Atlantic Beach jetties.

ATLANTIC BEACH

Capt Ron Lepper of the charterboat **Kim** tells us that the giants were still at the southern end of the Mud Hole until Thursday. On that day 4 giants were taken by 9 boats fishing. These mini giants ran 200 to 400 lbs. Also prior to the blow the NY Bight enjoyed excellent striped bass activity, fish from 5 to 20 lbs. for trollers and diamond jiggers. A lot of bluefish were also providing fast action.

JAMAICA BAY

Artie at **Cross Bay Bait and Tackle** said that before the storm flounder fishing was on the upswing from the local bridges, while blackfishing had been fair. Biggest flatfish that Artie saw last week was a 3 lber. imported from the south shore by Arthur Elliot.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

The open boat **Flamingo III** had been doing well with weaks, blues and a few stripers along the Jersey shore. Jigs had been taking the fish until the storm knocked out the weekend's fishing.

Capt John of the charterboat **Thermocline** called to report that his past week's charters have gotten mixed bags of weaks, blacks and blues. John says that he still has some fall weekends open if you are interested and that right now there is good mixed bag fishing for the hardy angler.

STATEN ISLAND

From **Santo's Sport Shop**, Lenny went back to last week to report very good action at buoys 10 through 14 for boatmen fishing live bunker. Blues in the 15-18 lb. class and weaks from 8-10 lbs. had been in good supply here right up until the weekend. Bass, mostly schoolies, but some to 20 lbs. being taken on worms near the VZ bridge. Blackfishing had also been good prior to the storm and for pier fishermen, a mixed bag of flounder, porgies and blacks at piers 10, 12, and 17.

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GREENPORT

Capt Dave Brennan of the **Peconic Star** has had a super porgy week last week but by the time you read this, the boat will have switched over to blackfish. Dave says they're the biggest kind.

Capt George Porter's **Brand X** has also been doing dynamite on big porgies but as the cold weather is about to send them a'running, he has switched over to blackfishing and will be pounding jumbo Greenport blacks. See ads for details.

A.P. White Bait Shop says the weekend was a bad one due to the strong winds. The beginning of the week was excellent at Plum Island, Orient and Plum Gut for blues, as it was at the Race. The open porgy boats had great porgy catches right up until the winds came on the weekend. These vessels are now blackfishing. Striped bass have been picked from Orient to Hortons Point in the Sound and good flounder fishing has been had through Friday at Petty's Bight and at Gardiners Island.

SOUTHOLD

Ace at **Port of Egypt Fishing Station** relays that the weekend was blown out by the high winds, but he also predicts that by the time you read this report the blackfishing will resume

Eleven-year-old Darren Merlob displays the 14 lb. chopper he took while plugging the Gardiner's Island shore line. Subscriber photo.

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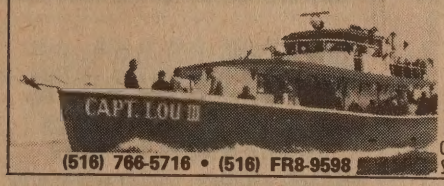

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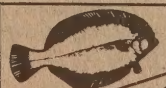

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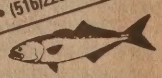

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SAG HARBOR

Capt Artie Lach of the **Wilhelric II** reports that the porgy fishing is over for the season and the boat is now blackfishing full time.

Charterboat **Sundance** reports that the fishing has been super on the blues and stripers. The skipper says that he has uped the boat's score on bass to 570 taken on the boat so far this year. Shark fishing trips have been very good, with the boat averaging 3 sharks per trip with atlest one mako on every other trip. So far they've had 14 makos taken this year. The boat is now booking flounder charters for this fall and for the 1981 spring season. There are also some bluefish and stirper dates available now.

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ROCKY POINT

Stan at the **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** said that as far as boatmen were concerned, fishing came to a complete standstill the past few days due to the wind and rain. Prior to the blow, there had been plenty of big blues out in the mid-Sound. Casters have been doing well with blackfish along the local beaches using fiddlers and green crabs.

MT. SINAI HBR.

Ralph's Fishing Station says that through Friday, there were lots of blues from 2½ to 5 lbs. being trolled at buoy 9 on umbrellas. Porgies up to 1½ lbs. were mixed with the blackfish in all rocky areas, with blackfishing running 2 to 4 lbs. Flounders just outside the harbor on the flats, averaging a pound.

NORTHPORT

Tom at **Bowman's Sporting Goods** tagged the weekend a total washout. Prior to the storm there were bass and blues for jiggers at buoy 13. Flounder fishing was decent inside the harbor and blacks were in good supply south of buoy 11B.

HUNTINGTON

The word from **Ronnie's Tackle Shop** was that no boats had been out

Glen Just with a 22¾ lb. striper taken near Cedar Beach on a Gibbs Darter. Fish was weighed in at Rocky Point Fishing Stop.

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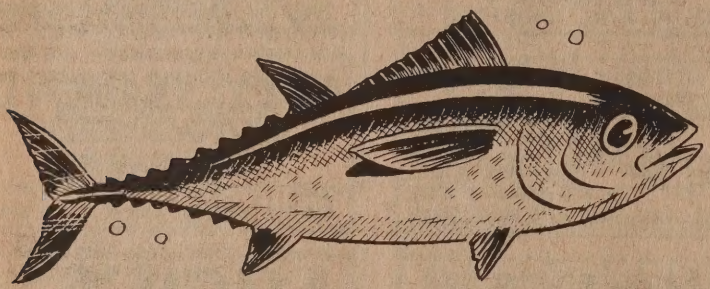

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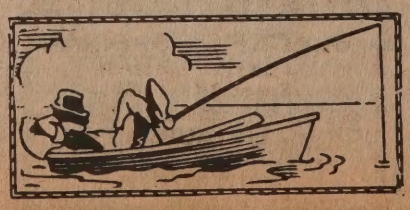

Bob Rosa displays a 17 lb. blue taken at Cartwright on a whole herring. Photo courtesy of Ronnie's Bait and Tackle.

the past few days, but before all of the wind there were bass in the rip at Eaton's Neck for trollers and jiggers. Bottom fishermen had been doing well with blacks and porgies up until the weekend.

George Valentine of **Four Winds Bait and TAckle** said that while the weekend was a total loss there was plenty of good action with bass and blacks up until Friday morning. Both jiggers and umbrella rig trollers were doing a job on school bass up to 12 lbs. at buoy 13 while blackfish including many in the 4-5 lb. range were being taken on good numbers on fiddler crabs at buoy 11B. There had still been good numbers of blues at the Obstruction buoy before the storm.

GLEN COVE

John at the **Glen Cove Sport Shop** reported lots of bass along the Glen Cove shore line. Most boatmen have been worm trolling the fish which range anywhere from shorts up to 10 lbs. Occasional larger fish are mixed in with the schoolies. John called the flounder fishing decent in the area and the blackfishing slow prior to the weekend's miserable weather.

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reported real good blackfishing throughout last week on fiddlers and green crabs at the CBS tower and Execution Light. Loads of school bass at High Island, Rodman's Neck and Harts Island. Fish range anywhere from shorts up to 10 lbs. with Rebels, small bucktails and worms all taking plenty of fish. One of Jack's steady customers has been stopping by with 6-9 bass every morning.

Capt Joe of the **Ebb Tide II** tells us that the blackfishing was good prior to the big wind storm and the fishing should return to its former good results with calmer seas and a settling down of the bottom which should be the case by the time you read this issue.

SURF REPORT

with Fred Golofaro

The weekend's easterly blow did a thorough job of keeping casters off of the Island's beaches. It also provided some lively action along both shores and at Montauk, as bass, blues and weaks fed up prior to the storm.

As things settle down to normal, there is every reason to believe that the fine fishing which has marked the fall run will continue. Even the north shore, which had been suffering through one of its worst surf seasons in several years, came alive with stripers last week. Blues still remain in short supply along most north shore beaches, however.

Before getting into the results of our usual round of Monday morning phone calls, just one more reminder that the Montauk Surfcasters Association will hold its 2nd meeting this Saturday at 1PM in the Montauk Chamber of Commerce Building located on Montauk Highway. The response at last month's organizational meeting was tremendous and the group is looking to add to its current membership.

South Shore

Prior to the storm, Lenny of **Santos Sport Shop** in Staten Island reported a few teen stripers being taken at Cliff Street on deep running Danny plugs. The bar marking the entrance to Great Kills Harbor continued to produce big blues and weaks on bunker, while school bass were being picked up in fair numbers at Penny Beach. Lenny fished Penny Beach Sunday night and found the bass still there as four casters accounted for 12 bass on worms. Action was confined to low water and high water, according to Lenny.

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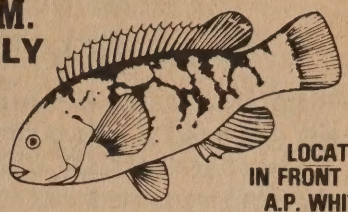

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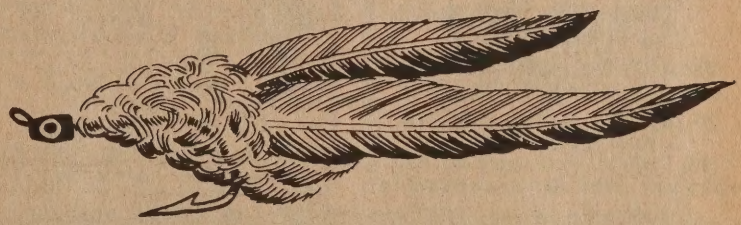

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said that although the bridges had been quiet this past week, he did look over a catch of 3 blues from 10-20 lbs., along with a 22 lb. striper made by Frank Rios last Tuesday morning. Frank used bunker chunks at Breezy Point to take the fish.

Bernie Haag who keeps close tabs on the Long Beach-Atlantic Beach area reported a good mix of bass, blues and weaks from Lido to the Silver Point jetty. Best bass scores are being made on RedFins. A lot of nice weakfish taken the latter part of last week on tin in the Atlantic Beach surf, according to Bernie. As for the bait supply in the area "plenty of spearing and anchovies in the surf right up until the big blow."

Very good bluefishing at parking field #6 Jones Beach and at West End, according to Lon of **Wanser's Tackle Shop** in Seaford. Fish have been ranging anywhere from 2 to 14 lbs. and fish being taken on plugs, tin and bait. Occasional bass mixed in with the blues with a couple of good flurries of good bass action at West End. A lot of shorts in the area along with an occasional big fish. Young Paul McCormick of Massapequa landed his first plug caught striper at West End last Tuesday evening. The 12 lber. took a white Creek Chub popper. Several reports of fish in the 30 and 40 lb. class from the jetty after dark.

Pete Angitoti of Babylon checked in stripers of 37.11 and 25.8 at **Augie's Tackle Shop** in Babylon. He told Ralph that he took the fish on plugs out east. This was Friday morning. John Hynes who helps Ralph hold down the fort at Augie's fished the backside of Fire Island despite the weekend's wet and blustery weather and while he did nothing, he reported

loads of bunker working along the shore. He said it appeared as if fish were underneath the big baitfish. Good action with blues and a few bass was the rule from Gilgo east to Robert Moses for a good portion of last week.

Bobby at the **Captree Bait Station** checked in a 26.5 lb. striper for Bob Smith. It was taken on an eel at Cedar Beach. Pat Costello took a 26.7 at West End on an eel. William Ryan fished the Democrat surf to take a 15¼ lb. bluefish, while Bill Buhlert checked in a 13½ lb. chopper taken at Robert Moses.

Casters got in some good innings with small blues at parking fields #3 and #4 Robert Moses Wednesday and Thursday. John Schauer and two other casters totalled nearly 60 of the 2-4 lb. fish Thursday afternoon.

Moving east to Moriches, the dropping barometer stirred the weakfish at Smith's Point as Rich Seeley of East Patchogue discovered Thursday night. Using Kastmasters between 8 and 10:30 p.m. Rich put 13 weaks from 5-7 lbs. along with a pair of husky blues on the beach. In his own words "I stopped because I couldn't drag any more fish back to the lot." In the midst of this hectic action, he had been fishing a whole snapper on a spike rod. Something grabbed the bait and took rod and all into the waist deep suds. A sand-clogged reel refused to yield line and the angler's 15 lb. test soon parted. The same stretch of beach provided good bluefish action right up until late Friday afternoon.

Large schools of weakfish moved along the Southampton oceanfront last week, according to Tom at **Speck's Tackle Shop** in Shinnecock. Tom Speedling took 9 from 3 to 5 lbs. Thursday morning, while another caster had nearly 30 weaks Friday morning. Tom knew of a few bass picked up at the Inlet during the week on both plugs and eels.

Action at Montauk slowed during the middle of last week, reported Johnny of **Johnny's Tackle Shop**. The approach of the weekend's storm spurred some good activity Friday night, however. Among fish weighed in by Johnny Saturday morning were a 32 lber. for Ted Shane, a 24½ lber. for Phil Holowinski, and fish of 32 and 22 lbs. for Paul Abrams. Tom Sherry had a 29, his brother Ray a 25 and a 15 and Steve Bunai rounded out the scoring with an 18 lber. Johnny got into the act himself Tuesday night when he used a yellow-painted tin with a yellow feather to take a 29 lber. after dark.

North Shore

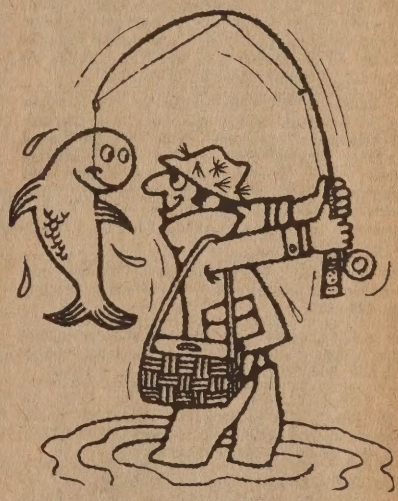
From his City Island Tackle Shop, Jack spoke of plenty of school bass from shorts on up to 10 lbs. being taken on small Rebels, bucktails and sand worms. Turtle Cove and the jetties and shore line along Orchard Beach have been surrendering many stripers to casters. Bluefish have been conspicuous by their absence.

John at the **Glen Cove Sport Shop** said that casters have been doing a job on bass all along the Glen Cove shoreline. Many of the fish are in the 8-10 lb. range with a few bigger fish mixed in. Ronnie Oldenberg and "Meat" Johnson have been putting light spinning rods and Rebels to work and making quite a dent in the local bass population. While most of the action has been with schoolies, Ronnie got hold of a fish they estimated to be in the 40 lb. class on Friday, but the light tackle was no match for the big cow amongst all the boulders.

In the Huntington area, George Valentine told me from his **Four Winds Tackle Shop** that there was a flurry of bass activity at Caumset prior to the big blow Friday evening. Bobby Michaels used a popping plug to take four schoolies up to 10½ lbs.

Ronnie Ferraro relayed word from his Huntington Shop that Mark Rinaldo beached a 22 lb. striper at Crabmeadow. He also reported a fair number of schoolies taken by casters using worms at Crabmeadow and along the Cold Spring Harbor causeway.

Out at his **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** Stan reported that there has been very good bass action spread along the local beaches from Miller Place to Wading River. Many of the fish are in the 15-25 lb. class, although there are a good number of smaller schoolies and an occasional cow. Gibbs swimming plugs such as the Darter and bottle plug have been getting the most attention. Ken Munz checked in a pair of 12 lb. stripers which he took in the middle of the afternoon on Thursday. A few blues ranging anywhere from 4-16 lbs. being taken near Shoreham but overall bluefish have been scarce along this stretch of Sound shore line.



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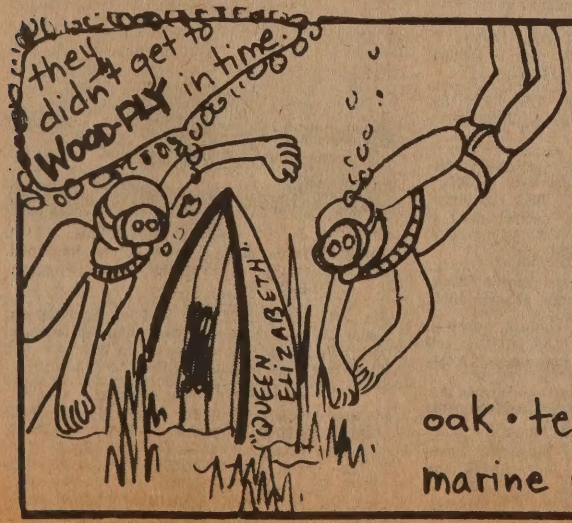

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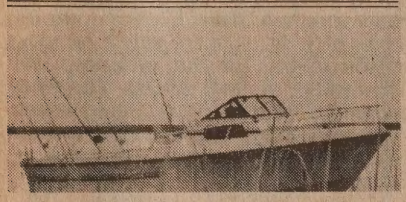

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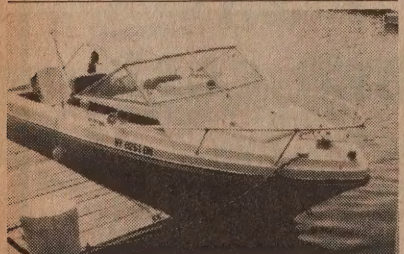

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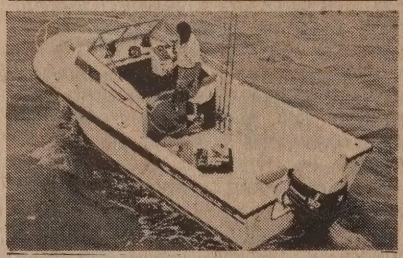

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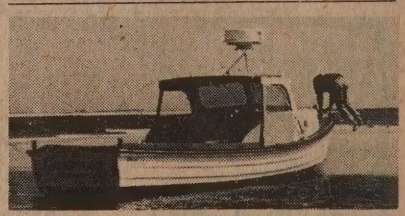

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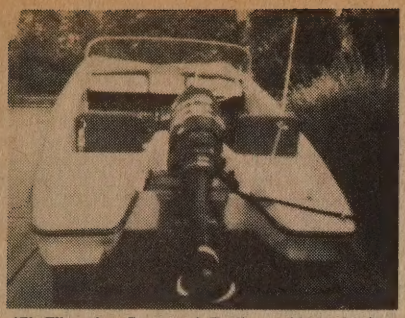

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